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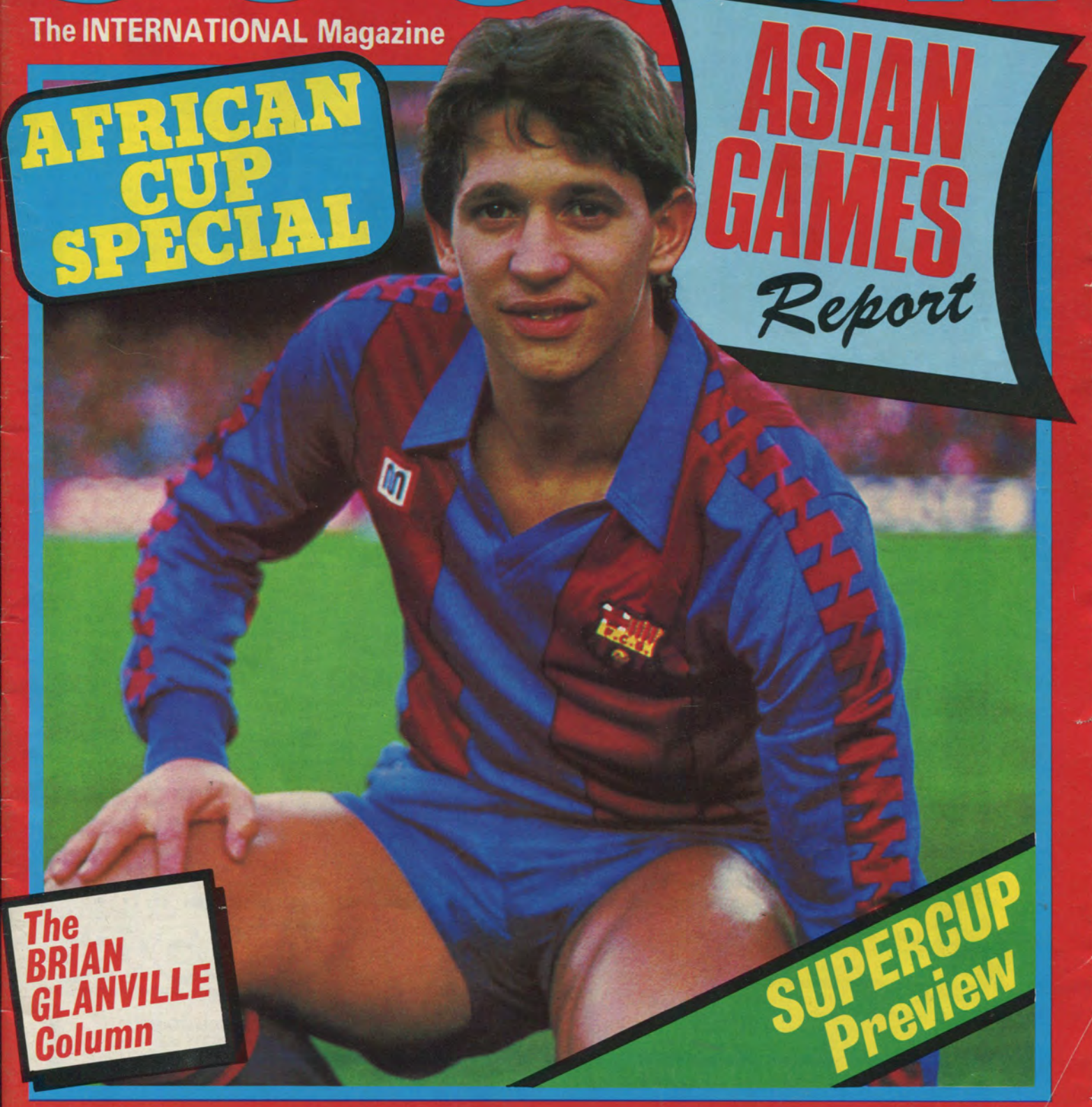

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# BRITAIN IN THE COLD!

**BRITAIN is now Europe's odd nation out when it comes to winter football — which is ironic, when you consider that football was always considered a game specifically for the winter months.**

Only England, Scotland and the two Irelands among the nations of northern Europe now carry on trying to stage competitive league and cup soccer through the early-year snow and ice. So far this year the tradition has proved a disaster with matches called off wholesale — either because the pitches are under snow, or frozen.

And even those clubs with sophisticated undersoil heating have sometimes been caught out because the terracing was too badly affected for spectators to be admitted in safety.

**by Keir Radnedge**

All around the example is clear and at last it appears British football may be ready to consider some sort of winter break.

This change would mean complications, of course. The East Europeans have proved over the years, much to their own concern, that a lengthy winter break does reduce their clubs' competitive abilities and success rate when it's time to re-enter the international club arena in March.

Winter breaks are also a nuisance in a World Cup year. Since the finals are usually staged in June the previous domestic seasons must be squeezed down, with a consequent increase in pressure on players which often results in extra injury problems for the national team manager.

But now both Scottish and English leagues have accepted the fact that divisions need to be streamlined, they will have a little more time to play with. The clubs will not want to give up their lucrative Christmas and New Year holiday programmes . . . but some sort of a January halt seems increasingly inevitable.

In terms of season-to-weather arrangements the rest of Europe can be divided into four categories: Scandinavia and the Soviet Union; Communist Easter Europe; Mediterranean and coastal Europe; northern and central Europe.

● **SCANDINAVIA AND THE SOVIET UNION:** These areas long ago defined their football seasons in practical terms. The Soviet Union, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Denmark (and Iceland) all begin their season in March and end in October or November, thus playing right through the summer.

The reasons are obvious. The severity of winter, with all its attendant ice and snow, makes all manner of 'normal' outdoor sports (barring the specific snow and ice events) impossible. The Russian winter, indeed, bites so hard that the Moscow clubs even have to play the first and last few matches of their seasons in indoor stadia.

● **COMMUNIST EASTERN EUROPE:** Poland, Bulgaria, Rumania, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and East Germany all suffer to a slightly lesser extent from the winter weathers.

Their compromise is to run their soccer season parallel to western Europe (ie starting in August or September and ending in May) but

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**BELGIUM'S Anderlecht got away from the freeze by arranging a friendly visit to Benfica Lisbon to play Benfica. Here Juan Lozano eludes a Portuguese defender.**

## PLATINI CHARGED

**Michel Platini, 10 other former stars of St Etienne and nine former club officials, have been charged with complicity in an illegal payments scandal dating back to 1978/82.**

**A four-year magistrate's investigation found that secret payments had been made to the players, though all of those involved have now settled their outstanding tax claims.**

**COVER PICTURE . . . Gary Lineker, who maintained his scoring record in Spain in leading Barcelona to the 4-1 win over Athletic Bilbao which kept the Catalans top of the table.**

**OBITUARY — BRUNO MORA.** Italian right winger of the early 1960s, who died in his home town of Parma aged 49. Mora, born on March 29, 1937, made his first division debut at 20 and went on to total 245 league games. He played 21 times for Italy and was a member of the 1962 World Cup squad in Chile, having made his debut in a 1-1 draw against Hungary in Florence, Mora won the championship with Juventus in 1961 and the Champions' Cup after moving to Milan, in 1963. At the time of his death he was a youth coach with Parma.

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# SUPERCUP I

## preview by Keir Rad

**EUROPE'S Supercup is brought back to life in Monte Carlo on February 24.**

It's the first such event since Juventus beat Liverpool 2-0 in Turin in a one-off title clash two years ago; it's the first match in a series which is now being established in the principality; and it is the first time two teams from eastern Europe have been the rivals.

They are, of course, European champions Steaua Bucharest and Cup-winners' Cup holders Dynamo Kiev.

And it's Kiev, former winners of the Supercup a decade ago, who will start as runaway favourites. But, as Steaua have proved, they are opponents one dare not underrate.

They beat Barcelona on penalties in last season's Champions' Cup final and then might well have beaten River Plate in the World Club final in Tokyo in December. The Rumanians missed their chances and had to resign themselves to a 1-0 defeat.

Domestically, everything is still as it was. Steaua were the clear halfway leaders and Helmut Ducadam, penalty-saving hero in Seville last year, was voted Footballer of the Year.

But, as Kiev might say, anything you can do . . .

Where Steaua are out of the Champions' Cup already, Kiev are in the quarter-finals; where Steaua are mere leaders in Rumania, Kiev have lately been crowned Soviet league champions; and where Steaua's Ducadam was domestic player of the year, Kiev boast the newly-crowned European Footballer of the Year in Igor Belanov, and filled all THREE top places in the Soviet poll. Alexander Zavarav won the domestic award, with Belanov his runner-up and veteran Oleg Blokhin third.

With British interest in the Supercup — and, indeed, in this season's Champions' Cup — long since extinguished, it's worth noting that the Supercup's origin can be traced to . . . Scotland. And, in particular, to Willie Waddell.

Waddell was Rangers' manager in 1971-2. For the 'Gers and their respected manager it had been a very successful season in Europe. They took on Dynamo Moscow in the Barcelona Cup-winners Cup final, while their fans took on the local publicans and police.

Rangers won 3-2 and Waddell,, in a state of high-spirits no doubt, then invited Ajax to a challenge game to celebrate Rangers 1973 centenary.

Ajax, champions of Europe, were the best side in the world at the time, accepted the proposal and Supercup fever reached its peak when the newspaper *De Telegraaf* decided to organise the event. UEFA had declined to, fearing a repeat of the Scots fans' behaviour in the Cup-winners Cup. *De Telegraaf* thus gave the tie its name and stated that in future home and away legs should be played annually between the Cup-winners' Cup holders and the European champions.

### Paraded

The first leg proved a colourful occasion. Every opponent of Rangers in European competitions kit was paraded around the pitch before the match. The crowd behaved, the play was competitively friendly, and Ajax were, with Cruyff the inevitable king-pin, irresistible.

In Amsterdam Rangers twice took the lead in hardy style, but were overcome by sheer persistance in the final stages of the match. Not surprisingly Cruyff, once again, proved the match-winner.

The popularity of the tie was underlined by UEFA's willingness to make the Supercup official from then on. Sadly, the first official one was marred by Catenaccio.

Ajax, present once more, had already met Juventus in the European Cup final and met yet more Italians this time in the guise of a defensive Milan. Chiarugi (their only striker with any true conviction) gave the home side a first leg lead. But in Amsterdam Ajax returned a sense of normality to the proceedings, and in the process effectively smashed the legend of tough Italian defences with a six-goal rout. It was a victory for attacking football.

By the time of the third Supercup Bayern Munich had emerged, succeeding Ajax on the throne of premier European club. But this time, in 1974, there was no Supercup. It was a delicate political matter. The Cup-winners' Cup went behind The Wall to East Germany's Magdeburg and that, effectively, called a halt.

Resumption of the Supercup came in late 1975, with Bayern favoured heavily to lift the title against yet more Easterners, this time Dynamo Kiev.

But in Munich it all went wrong for the home team. Kiev shocked them with a brisk display of attacking football, taking a two-goal lead. In the Ukraine they furthered that success with a single goal — taking the tie 3-0.

The next season Bayern were back again. This time quietly confident of succeeding against Anderlecht of Belgium. Two home leg goals from the slowing Gerd Muller underlined German confidence. The leg lead was thought enough to cushion the expected onslaught in Belgium.

But Rob Rensenbrink proved irrepressible as the Germans succumbed 4-1.

In 1977 Liverpool emerged as European Cup winners defeating Borussia Moenchengladbach 3-1 in the Rome final. Kevin Keegan, playing his last match for the Reds, was superb. His performance warranted so much attention that he was prised from Liverpool's grip by Cup-winners' Cup winners Ham-

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with a winter break from early December until the start of March. This allows the worst of the weather to come and go.

The Hungarians have experimented a couple of times with summer football, starting their season in March and running through to November, but this was never popular with either players or fans.

● **MEDITERRANEAN AND COASTAL EUROPE:** Portugal, Spain, Italy, Greece and Turkey. These are the countries where winter football never stops. The warmth of southern Europe allows the game to continue from the seasons' start in September through to May or June.

● **CENTRAL AND NORTHERN EUROPE:** This means Austria, Switzerland, West Germany, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg and France. All of them run a winter break of shorter or longer duration from the middle of December.

In some countries, such as Austria and Switzerland, the winter break is a tradition. But not so in France, West Germany and Holland.

It was only at the start of the 1980s that the French accepted the winter break as a necessary evil. Previously their players had enjoyed a Christmas holiday break and little more. Now they have a two-month halt — an example which has followed this year by the West Germans. Previously they had a six-week break. But the past couple of years have seen so much disruption in February that the Germans, too, have now extended their winter break.

This means, inevitably, extending the season into the summer months. The French season will finish on June 5, West Germany as late as June 17.

# Belanov '

***IT just goes to show how the European ban on English clubs has widened the rift between Britain and the continent that the selection of Igor Belanov as European Footballer of the Year should have provoked such derision in London.***

***One national newspaper said that Belanov had "pipped" Gary Lineker to the title awarded annually since 1956 by the Paris weekly,* France Football. *In fact Belanov won by a clear 22 votes — as anyone who took note of our poll a month earlier in* World Soccer *would have predicted.***

***The* World Soccer *poll rated Kiev star Belanov as runner-up to Diego Maradona in a World Player of the Year ranking list based on the votes of readers from Montevideo to Moscow, Porto Alegre to Peking.***

***Belanov is the third Soviet player to gain the* France Football *accolade, after Lev Yashin and Kiev team-mate Oleg Blokhin. And he will hog all the attention in the Supercup final in Monte Carlo.***

***Another English commentator, this time on radio, reported that Belanov would not qualify for the flood of sponsorship offers or high-powered cars or appearance money which has accrued to past European Footballers of the Year such as Michel Platini, Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, Kevin Keegan or Allan Simonsen . . . as if that somehow invalidated his right to the crown.***

***In simple terms Belanov earned his right to be considered Europe's No 1 thanks to his club, Kiev Dynamo's, success in winning the Cup-winners' Cup against Atletico Madrid in devastating style last spring — and Belanov's high-profile role in the Soviet side so unluckily eliminated in the second round of the World Cup finals in Mexico.***

***The Soviets lost 4-3 in extra time to Belgium. But at least two of the Belgian goals looked suspiciously offside and Belanov himself scored all three of the Soviet goals.***

***This 26-year-old from Odessa has enjoyed a meteoric rise to fame. One year ago few people outside the Soviet Union had ever heard of him. Then came Kiev's success in the Cup-winners' Cup. National boss Eduard Malofeyev found himself under increasing pressure to pack his side with players from the capital of the Ukraine.***

***Belanov was not an unknown to Malofeyev, himself a former World Cup forward back in the 1966 finals in England. Malofeyev had provided the stocky Kiev man with his first international appearance as a substitute for Gennadi Litovchenko in the last quarter of an hour of a 4-0 win over Switzerland in Moscow in the Mexico qualifiers in May, 1985.***

***Belanov played from the start in the next game, away to Denmark in Copenhagen. But the Soviets lost this qualifying tie 4-2 and so Belanov was back on the substitutes' bench for the August '85 friendly against Rumania. The Soviets won 2-0 and Belanov came on as an 80th-minute substitute. At this point, Malofeyev apparently decided that he had seen enough. The Soviets completed the year with a run of four straight victories over West Germany, Denmark, the Irish Republic and Norway. Belanov was not called upon.***

***But then, fortune turned against***

# P IS BACK!

## by Ker Radnedge

burg's transfer offer.

The Supercup then pitted Keegan against his old club. Interest grew immediately, and in Germany Keegan played exceptionally well, helping Hamburg to a hard-earned draw.

The tie was perfectly balanced, yet there was an ominous look about the Liverpool forward-line when the sides lined up at Anfield. 30,000 plus turned out to see Keegan's return, and McDermott's night. The midfielder hit home a hat-trick as Hamburg, Keegan et al, suffered the ignominy of losing 6-0 at Anfield.

Liverpool, like Ajax and Bayern before them, returned in 1978. This time to play Anderlecht. The Belgian team still boasted the nucleus of players from the successful 1976 team. Arie Haan was now playing his seventh and eighth Supercup matches! (There had only been 10 previous ones.)

Frankie Vercauteren shone in the Belgian home leg, as Anderlecht swept their opponents aside 3-1. In the return the Merseysiders found the deficit too hard to make up and ended wining the battle (2-1), but losing the war (4-3).

Yet another British team arose in the 1970s. Nottingham Forest had been 'born' out of the unpredictable Clough-Taylor partnership which had transformed a mediocre team into one of experienced internationals.

Charlie George's goal settled matters in Nottingham but in Barcelona an awkward tie awaited. But 80,000 could do little to upset Forest's calm, and for a team with limited European experience did well in obtaining a 1-1 draw, taking the tie 2-1.

In 1980, Forest were present again. They had defeated Hamburg and Keegan in the 25th European Cup Final and now lined up with Valencia in that season's Supercup. The Spaniards most recent acquisition was Argentinian ace Mario Kempes and they were brimming with confidence.

Forest committed the cardinal sin of European competition when Felman was able to score at the City Ground. Not surprisingly, Morena's goal in Valencia meant that was that, and in their second Supercup Forest bade the title a farewell.

**THE SUPERCUP**

1972:
Rangers 1, Ajax 3
Ajax 3, Rangers 2
*AJAX 6-3 on agg*

1973:
Milan 1, Ajax 0
Ajax 6, Milan 0
*AJAX 6-1 on agg*

1974:
Not played

1975:
Bayern Munich 0, Kiev Dynamo 2
Kiev Dynamo 1, Bayern Munich 0
*KIEV 3-0 on agg*

1976:
Bayern Munich 2, Anderlecht 1
Anderlecht 4, Bayern Munich 1
*ANDERLECHT 5-3 on agg*

1977:
Hamburg 1, Liverpool 1
Liverpool 6, Hamburg 0
*LIVERPOOL 7-1 on agg*

1978:
Anderlecht 3, Liverpool 1
Liverpool 2, Anderlecht 1
*ANDERLECHT 4-3 on agg*

1979:
Nottingham Forest 1, Barcelona 0
Barcelona 1, Nottingham Forest 1
*FOREST 2-1 on agg*

1980:
Nottingham Forest 1, Barcelona 0
Valencia 1, Nottingham Forest 0
*VALENCIA on away goals rule: 2-2 agg*

1981:
Not played

1982:
Barcelona 1, Aston Villa 0
Aston Villa 3, Barcelona 0
*ASTON VILLA 3-1 on agg*

1983:
Hamburg 0, Aberdeen 0
Aberdeen 2, Hamburg 0
*ABERDEEN 2-0 on agg*

1984:
Juventus 2, Liverpool 0
(one-off match in Turin)

1985:
Not played

1986/87:
Steaua Bucharest v Kiev Dynamo
February 24, Monaco

● Coincidence note: The Cup-winners' Cup holders lead the Champions' Cup holders by 6-5 overall.

# v 'pips' Gary

*Malofeyev. The Soviets lost four successive World Cup warm-up games at the start of last year: to Spain, Mexico, England and Rumania.*

*Belanov had not been in his pre-selection squad for Mexico. But he was recalled for the last World Cup warm-up . . . against Finland in Moscow. It was not a match in which he enhanced his Mexico prospects. But then, neither did anyone else. The Soviets were held to a goalless draw. And before Malofeyev had the chance to drop Belanov again, the manager was himself axed by the federation.*

*With three weeks to go to the World Cup finals Belanov's Kiev coach, Valeri Lobanovsky, was summoned to take over. He immediately made eight changes to Malofeyev's squad and increased the Kiev contingent to 12 — including Belanov just when it had appeared he had blown his last chance. It would have been 13 but centre-back Alexander Baltacha had aggravated an old injury in the Cup-winners' Cup defeat of Atletico Madrid.*

*The rest, as they say, is history.*

*The Soviet Union began the finals in devastating form. Belanov scored in the 6-0 thrashing of Hungary, was superb (and booked) in the 1-1 draw with France and was "rested" for the 2-0 win over Canada, appearing only as substitute for Oleg Protasov in the last 25 minutes.*

*So to the second round. Now the Soviets were ranked among the favourites. But teams which start the World Cup at top-speed brilliance have a tendency to run out of steam, and thus it proved for Belanov and Co.*

*He shot them ahead against Belgium with a magnificent drive from 25 yards and later edged the Soviet Union 2-1 ahead as he converted a cross from Zavarov.*

*But Belgium levelled, went ahead themselves, then extended that lead to 4-2 in extra time. With nine minutes remaining Belanov converted a penalty after having been brought down to reduce the arrears.*

*There were seconds left when he let fly for the top corner and saw Belgian keeper Jean-Marie Pfaff make perhaps the save of the finals to deflect the ball for a corner . . . and the Soviet Union were on their way home.*

*Disappointment for the team and officials. But to Belanov now the glory. And suddenly everyone wants to know everything about him.*

*He was born in Odessa on April 20, 1960, but his way to the top was to prove unconventional. As a youngster he made no great impression and was overlooked when local schoolboys of apparently greater potential were selected to join the special local football school.*

*Not that this affected his enthusiasm for the game and he was eventually "discovered" playing for his housing estate team in the nationwide "Leather Ball" competition.*

*Belanov was noted by Eduard Maslovsky, scout for first division Chernomoretz Odessa and he persuaded Belanov to join the youth section.*

*Two seasons with the Odessa army club while on national service were followed by a return to Chernomoretz and Belanov's first division debut. Now his potential was obvious. Twice Kiev coach Lobanovsky asked him to consider transferring and the first time Belanov refused. Why should he leave home? But marriage, and the birth of a daughter, changed his mind.*

OLEG BLOKHIN . . . led the way for Kiev — winning both the European Footballer of the Year award and the Supercup a decade ago.

*Belanov says: "One day I thought: when my little girl asks me, where are your medals and trophies, what shall I say? So I agreed to go to Kiev. But I don't think any other coach could have persuaded me, except Lobanovsky." Belanov did not find it easy in Kiev.*

*He finished a bad last in a cross-country run in his first pre-season training session before the start of the 1985 season and was so embarrassed he wanted to go home. Lobanovsky said: "Nonsense. I expected you to find it tougher than you did. We can soon work on your fitness."*

*When Belanov ran up two fine league goals against Spartak he realised he need be embarrassed no longer. He could live, and play, with the best.*

*This past year he did just that, not only at the World Cup but in earning selection for the World XI in the Unicef fund-raising match in Pasadena. Now he has been acclaimed as Europe's top player and can, in the next few months, pile up even more success in the European SuperCup (against Steaua of Rumania on February 24) and in the Champions' Cup (Kiev are in the quarter-finals).*

*No one then need be in any further doubt about the Red Arrow.*

# REVIEW OF 1

## EUROPE . . . BY ERIC BATTY

**A WORD of explanation . . . and a note of caution. All statistics can reflect something other than the exact truth, and the European table is no exception.**

Turkey have an unusually high place, thanks wholly to a home 1-0 win over Switzerland who are going through a period of transformation.

In reality the Turks should be at least ten places lower — just above Iceland — and this will become clear as the Turks play more away matches in the European Championship.

Greece are far too high in the table, thanks to an easy programme.

And the Czechs have improved beyond all recognition under manager Josef Masopust, but even he would admit his newly-built team are not the second best in Europe.

About 10th place would be fair and right for the Czechs, who are only promising as yet, and have to fulfil that promise in competition.

The table, as always, is compiled on a basis of percentage success. With such a variation of games played, West Germany (15) to Cyprus only two, a truly accurate comparison is impossible.

Percentage success is the nearest one can get. My method has consistently been to take the number of points earned over the number of points played for, expressed as a percentage.

Finland earned eight points from a possible 20 = $\frac{800}{20}$ = 40%.

In fact, the Finns are much improved. For years they languished close to Iceland and Cyprus, and while still minnows, are improved because they now have a string of players abroad, making a living with professional clubs, and can call on them to play for their country.

In 1986, Finland drew away to Portugal 1-1 — out of their season — beat East Germany 1-0 at home; drew 1-1 at home to Wales, and 0-0 away to the USSR in Moscow.

Ten years ago that would have been thought an impossible achievement.

The Danes and, to a lesser extent, the Norwegians, have improved in recent years for much the same reasons as the Finns.

At home the Norwegians are now really formidable, as their results suggest. At home to Argentina and Denmark they had 1-0 victories, and they also drew at home to Rumania, East Germany and Hungary.

Denmark failed in the World Cup, compared with earlier achievements, largely because their front two are not as good as most people think.

After beating Scotland, and murdering Uruguay in Mexico, they fell apart against Spain in Mexico.

Technically they were the better side, but Preben Elkjaer-Larsen and Michael Laudrup, their two strikers, failed to turn the football into goals.

As Juventus have now learned, Laudrup for all his ability hasn't the courage to stay up in the penalty area, while Larsen lacks the skill required from a top-notch finisher.

This was never more clear than against Spain when, fresh from their wins over Uruguay and West Germany, they lost 5-1 to Spain.

Pushing up, playing the football, and setting the pace, their 'star' strikers failed, and Spain got one on the break.

This is the modern formula by which most Italian teams, and the current pacemakers in England — Arsenal and Everton — are doing their best to play the game.

Bayern Munchen, and most of the leading sides across Europe, all adopt the same style, but football will be the loser in the end.

England got caught by the modern method in Mexico, playing too cautiously against the Argentine.

After Mr Robson had solved his striking problem with the pairing of Gary Lineker and Peter Beardsley, he should have played at least a balanced game, attacking in strength whenever possible.

With Argentina winning 2-0, England did attack, and underlined my opinion. They got one goal back and terrified the life out of the opposition, but they left it all too late.

Bobby Robson should remain as the England *supremo*, but in the hope that he has learned from his mistakes.

To give the job to someone new, and let him make the same errors next time, seems ridiculous.

This does not mean that I am a fan of Robson with England, for he made far too many mistakes to justify my confidence. But who else is there who would do a better job?

In every walk of life you pay for your mistakes, and we must hope that Mr Robson learned from his. The Football Association could help him, by insisting that whenever an English player is transferred to a foreign club, there is a clause in the contract that he will be released at least four days prior to *all* England matches, and preferably one week.

More English players will undoubtedly be moving abroad and time is running out. I am not suggesting that any one player is more important than another, in a team game, but it is obviously a handicap that Lineker cannot play in the friendly matches.

Lacking a real opportunity to train together, as England are, and probably always will be, it is vital that all the players play all the time.

The Soviets languish in 19th place, but in fact they were two teams in 1986. After Valerij Lobanovski took over, he based his team on Dynamo Kiev, the club he manages, and if they are not exactly a super-side, I am convinced they will be a real power this year.

# A GREAT Y

## AFRICA . . . BY BOB PATEMAN

***WHAT a great year for African soccer 1986 turned out to be. Morocco not only reached the second stage of the World Cup but in doing so showed they had players of true international ability.***

***Certainly Timoumi and Zaki, and perhaps Bouderbala and Kerry, would have found their way into any European squad.***

***Then there was the smooth running and oh so passionate Nations Cup. How much home advantage helped Egypt it is impossible to tell but obviously it was considerable and the tournament showed that there is no real difference in standard between the best North and West African teams.***

***Cameroun, on neutral ground, would be every bit as good as Morocco or Egypt and Ivory Coast and Senegal are not far behind.***

***At the time of writing the club championships are being dominated by Egypt and they look favourites to take both trophies.***

***One of the main reasons for this success is that the top Cairo clubs can offer their players a very high standard of living, at least one is believed to have become a millionaire from football, and so the best players are not lost to European clubs.***

***Perhaps the saddest part of 1986 was the persistent moaning and groaning about referees.***

***It has almost got to the point where an African side cannot lose a game without reporting the officials to the CAF (ie Ismaili v El Ahly, Morocco v Egypt, Tanzania v Ethiopia, etc).***

***Certainly each club and each national body needs to put their foot down quickly and stop this behaviour before the reputation of African football is tarnished.***

***Here are my personal rankings of the top ten African sides of 1986.***

***1: EGYPT . . . I know Morocco did so well in the World Cup and that Egypt had home advantage in the Nations Cup but I feel the success of their club sides and of the youth and cadet teams in the early rounds of their African championships adds up to the best all round performance of 1986.***

***2: MOROCCO . . . The North African's performance speaks for itself. The best ever World Cup performance by an African side and a semi-final place in the Nations Cup.***

***3: CAMEROUN . . . So many of the big names had been around for so long that we begun to suspect the team might be in decline. Far from it, instead they had matured to give perhaps their best performance yet in reaching the Nations Cup final and holding Egypt in such a hostile arena.***

***4: SENEGAL . . . It is not very often that a side that has won the first two matches in a four team group do not reach the second round, but that is what happened to Senegal in the Nations Cup. They indeed looked a better team than Ivory Coast who beat them.***

***5: IVORY COAST . . . Third in the Nations Cup and a delightful team when on form. Other performances of note were the results of their youth teams and Africa Sport's successful Champions Cup campaign.***

***6: ALGERIA . . . Very disappointing in the Nations Cup, Algeria nevertheless recovered to give a solid performance in Mexico. Not many African sides could have drawn with Northern Ireland or match Brazil stride for stride for an hour. A good performance too from the youth team in the Palestine Cup.***

***7: GABON . . . A surprisingly good season for the small West African nation. The national team won the UDEAC Cup, their first major victory and AS***

# F 1986

They attack with purpose; play as a team, and the back players move up when it is 'on', so that the opposition does not know where the next blow will come from.

Kiev took Atletico Madrid apart in the Cup Winners Cup final in 1986, and I have every reason to think that Lobanovski will take the right two or three players from other clubs, to build a fine side.

Italy are much too highly placed after their flop in Mexico, but I do feel they are improving. Back in the '60s, the Italian FA bought the right to translate my first coaching book, *Soccer Coaching the Modern Way* (now out of print), and I have seen from both Juventus (against Liverpool), and Italy in their recent 3-0 win over Switzerland, that at least some of the ideas have been worked at.

For one goal against the Swiss they sliced the opposition apart, straight up the middle. If they can do that more often, and against the better sides, then with other little things, they will improve.

France have had, at least temporarily, their golden period and failed to take the fullest advantage of it. Now they must re-build, and I fear they will stutter.

Overall there is no outstanding side in Europe, or indeed the world, right now.

There are only teams that are difficult to beat, particularly so at home. So in this highest category, in no particular order, I place the top eight in the table, plus Yugoslavia, Holland and Belgium.

Poland, Hungary and Bulgaria have fallen apart, after Hungary particularly had looked good; and Denmark will struggle to re-build.

Overall, I am most optimistic about the USSR who have translated all three of my coaching books, and under Lobanovski have the man to lead them, possibly to unthought of heights.

For another country to emerge from my top group will take an imaginative and innovative manager, plus the key midfield and striking players of the right quality, and I doubt if it can be done by any of the present crop.

## EUROPEAN INTERNATIONAL RESULTS TABLE, 1986

| | P | W | D | L | Goals | % success |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SPAIN | 12 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 27.8 | 83.3 |
| Czechoslovakia | 9 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 13.3 | 77.7 |
| Italy | 11 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 21.11 | 72.7 |
| Sweden | 8 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 12.3 | 68.7 |
| England | 14 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 25.6 | 67.8 |
| W. Germany | 15 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 22.16 | 66.0 |
| Wales | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 7.4 | 66.0 |
| Rumania | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 15.10 | 64.4 |
| Austria | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 12.8 | 58.3 |
| France | 13 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 14.10 | 57.6 |
| Holland | 7 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 5.4 | 57.1 |
| Norway | 8 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 7.10 | 56.2 |
| Greece | 9 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 11.10 | 55.5 |
| Denmark | 13 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 15.15 | 53.8 |
| Yugoslavia | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 10.8 | 50.0 |
| Scotland | 10 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 9.5 | 50.0 |
| Turkey | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1.4 | 50.0 |
| Belgium | 13 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 24.23 | 46.1 |
| Russia | 13 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 20.12 | 46.1 |
| Bulgaria | 12 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 13.13 | 45.8 |
| Poland | 11 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 8.16 | 45.4 |
| Hungary | 10 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 14.12 | 45.0 |
| Portugal | 8 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 8.10 | 43.7 |
| Eire | 6 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4.5 | 41.6 |
| Finland | 10 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 8.12 | 40.0 |
| Switzerland | 8 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 8.9 | 37.5 |
| N. Ireland | 8 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 5.11 | 37.5 |
| E. Germany | 12 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 9.13 | 33.3 |
| Cyprus | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2.4 | 25.0 |
| Iceland | 6 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 3.8 | 16.5 |
| Israel | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5.14 | 0.0 |
| Albania | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1.5 | 0.0 |
| Malta | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0.7 | 0.0 |
| Luxembourg | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0.11 | 0.0 |

ERIC GERETS of Belgium.

# T YEAR

*Sogara set another first when they reached the Cup Winners Cup final.*

*8: ZAMBIA . . . Zambia started well in the Nations Cup but never recovered from their defeat against Cameroun. Still they played better than their points total suggests and Nkana had a good run in the Champions Cup.*

*9: GHANA . . . We will have to wait and see if Ghana are back to their best form but they won the Zone III championship with a win over Togo which merits their ranking.*

*10: TUNISIA . . . It's very difficult to find a tenth side. In the past this has gone to the East African Champions but Zimbabwe have not been impressive. I've therefore selected Tunisia on the strength of their results in friendly internationals which included a 1-0 win over Poland.*

## African All-Star XI for 1986

ROGER MILLA (St Etienne & Cameroun)
GAMAL ABDEL HAMID (Zamalek & Egypt)
YOUSSOUF FOFANA (Monaco & Ivory Coast)
MOHAMMED TIMOUMI (FAR & Morocco)
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PAPE FALL (SEIB & Senegal)
BADOU ZAKI (WA Casablanca & Morocco)

*THE team was more or less selected after the Nations Cup but Gamal Abdel Hamid forced his way in with his goals for Zamalek in the Champions Cup and Timoumi, who missed Cairo through injury, had to be selected after his magnificent World Cup.*

*Mexico also decided that Zaki would be the goalkeeper rather than N'Kono.*

*Clubs given are those the players represented throughout most of 1986 and not necessarily those they play for now.*

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# REVIEW OF 1986

## SOUTH AMERICA . . . BY ERIC WEIL

Socrates of Brazil.

**THE South American international scene at national team level in 1986 virtually only involved the four countries which qualified for last year's World Cup finals in Mexico — Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and Paraguay — and full international activity came to a full stop right after that.**

South American countries completed a total of 39 full internationals last year of which 19 were played within the World Cup finals, 13 by the four World Cup finalists touring in Europe and Asia, five against European teams playing a match each in South America and only two between South American teams until the end of June.

There was no full international activity at all during the second half of the year, the soccer tournament in Chile within the South American Games excluding players who had taken part in the World Cup so that these games can not be counted as full internationals.

The South American World Cup finalists hardly impressed in pre-tournament tours, although facing weak rivals who in most cases had not qualified for Mexico. Uruguay and Paraguay however toured without numerous players with foreign clubs who were later to be included in their cup line-ups.

Brazil had all their players available, but went on tour against strong opposition such as Hungary and West Germany shortly after they had started training and they were hardly in shape, losing both games.

And then there was Norway's 1-0 victory over Argentina at the end of April as the latter were on the way to Mexico where they won the World Cup less than two months later.

Warm-up results can never be taken seriously and the team which does well in the run-up seldom does well in the tournament itself.

Even when Brazil returned home to play five internationals in quick succession, winning four and drawing one against weak opposition, they failed to impress.

Yet they were installed as World Cup favourities by the bookmakers with Argentina in second place . . . an opinion which hardly anybody in the two countries could have shared at the time.

Yet Brazil won their first four cup games scoring nine goals and not conceding any before drawing their fifth to France (1-1) and then going out of the competition on penalties.

Zico, of all people, had missed a penalty during regulation play and the Brazilians were left to muse on what might have been.

Argentina, on the other hand, went on to win the trophy but with a style of play they had not shown in previous lacklustre performances — a style which had been advocated by the media all along and one was left wondering whether this was the first case of a coach — Carlos Bilardo — actually bowing to press criticism in the World Cup . . . and coming out top too.

Argentina had changed to a more attractive, attacking and less speculating style of play.

Brazilian coach Tele Santana again tried to impose some of the pretty soccer which Brazil had been famous for but of which little was now played even in their own league competitions.

Paraquay went for an adventurous attacking style with real wingers . . . and it was difficult to see what Uruguay — who had looked the most solid team in South America the year before — were trying to do, except send the opposition off on stretchers.

They were, and are, capable of playing much better soccer.

Apart from the four World Cup finalists, only Chile and Peru played one full international each last year, both in Brazil and Peru lined up their junior side.

Brazil had as good an over-all record as world champions Argentina merely because they played pre-World Cup warm-up games at home against comparatively weak opposition, while Argentina — playing all their games on foreign soil last year — only really played well in the tournament itself.

This year's activity will be centred on the mid-year "Copa America", the South American national teams championship in which Uruguay defends its title and teams — both those who qualified for last year's World Cup and those who did not — are likely to show a lot of changes.

ARGENTINA . . . on top of the world. Mexico line-up against West G. many: Standing — Batista, Cuciuffo, Olarticoechea, Pumpido, Brown, Ruggeri, Maradona. Front: Burru naga, Giusti, Enrique, Valdano.

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| USA | 1 | Uruguay | 1 |
| **FEBRUARY** | | | |
| Uruguay | 2 | Poland | 1 |
| Hong Kong | 1 | Paraguay | 1 |
| South Korea | 1 | Paraguay | 3 |
| Indonesia | 2 | Paraguay | 3 |
| **MARCH** | | | |
| Hungary | 3 | Brazil | 0 |
| West Germany | 2 | Brazil | 0 |
| France | 2 | Argentina | 0 |
| **APRIL** | | | |
| Wales | 0 | Uruguay | 0 |
| Irish Republic | 1 | Uruguay | 1 |
| Norway | 1 | Argentina | 0 |
| Brazil | 4 | Peru | 0 |
| Brazil | 3 | East Germany | 0 |
| Brazil | 3 | Finland | 0 |
| Brazil | 4 | Yugoslavia | 2 |
| **MAY** | | | |
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| Brazil | 1 | Chile | 1 |
| Paraguay | 2 | Denmark | 1 |

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| Italy | 1 | Agentina | 1 |
| Bulgaria | 0 | Argentina | 2 |
| Iraq | 0 | Paraguay | 1 |
| Mexico | 1 | Paraguay | 1 |
| Belgium | 2 | Paraguay | 2 |
| Spain | 0 | Brazil | 1 |
| Algeria | 0 | Brazil | 1 |
| N. Ireland | 0 | Brazil | 3 |
| West Germany | 1 | Uruguay | 1 |
| Denmark | 6 | Uruguay | 1 |
| Scotland | 0 | Uruguay | 0 |
| Poland | 0 | Brazil | 4 |
| Argentina | 1 | Uruguay | 0 |
| England | 3 | Paraguay | 0 |
| France | 1 | Brazil | 1 |
| England | 1 | Argentina | 2 |
| Belgium | 0 | Argentina | 2 |
| West Germany | 2 | Argentina | 3 |

SCORERS: Careca (Brazil) ..... 8
Maradona (Argentina) ..... 7
Casagrande (Brazil) ..... 4
Cabanas (Paraguay) ..... 4
Valdano (Argentina) ..... 4

**1986 STATISTICS**

| | HOME | | | | | | AWAY | | | | | | TOTAL | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | % |
| Argentina | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 21 | 10 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 21 | 10 | 75.0 |
| Brazil | 12 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 15 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 25 | 9 | 75.0 |
| Paraguay | 9 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 11 | 10 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 13 | 11 | 66.6 |
| Chile | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 50.0 |
| Uruguay | 9 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 11 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 9 | 13 | 44.4 |
| Peru | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 00.0 |


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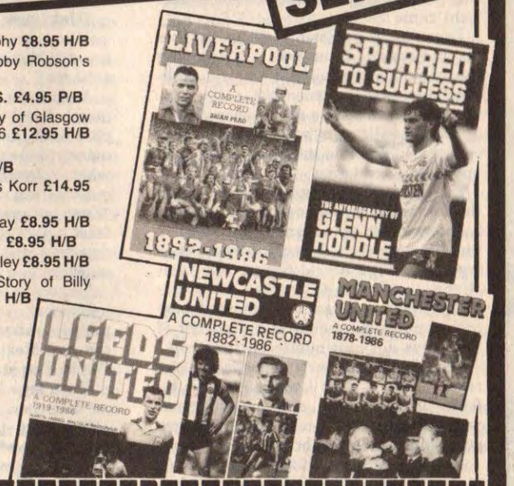


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## WORLD SOCCER PORTRAIT

# ANDERLE SNAPUPHA

**ARIE HAAN played in seven European club finals, was a vital cog in both the mighty Ajax team of the early seventies and the Dutch national side who lost, sadly, in successive World Cup finals in 1974 and 1978.**

Yet he is perhaps best remembered for two long-range blockbuster goals against West Germany and Italy that played a crucial part in Holland's progress to the 1978 World Cup final.

Haan's multi-talented repertoire which includes mastery of several languages, was often seen to devastating effect on the field, where his creative ability was matched by a defensive capability that was utilised especially during the 1974 World Cup finals, when, following an injury to Hulshoff, coach Rinus Michels moved Haan to centre back.

Having made a considerable reputation for himself at Ajax, Haan then departed for Belgium in 1975 — and has stayed ever since, save for a brief spell in Hong Kong. Successful spells with bitter rivals Anderlecht and Standard Liege led to a spell in the Far East when in the twilight of his career, before hanging up his boots and turning to coaching.

The grounding gained throughout a wonderful career in which he had been influenced by the likes of Michels, Happel and Kovacs, was then put to good effect in his first trackside job, at one of Belgium's lesser clubs — Royal Antwerp.

With limited resources Haan did well at Antwerp — "in his first year they sold all the good players," he says — and after 18 months in the job — taking the famous old club to within two points of a UEFA Cup place in his second season — Anderlecht came for him.

Even in the closing stages of his playing career, Haan was still enjoying the game. "Physically, it was no problem," he says, "but mentally . . ."

As coach, there is a new responsibility as he has to allow for "what players can or cannot do." But the influence of Michels and Kovacs remains.

Haan, highly perceptive and a noted thinker about the game admits to having been surprised when Anderlecht offered him the post of coach vacated by another legendary Parc Astrid figure, Paul van Himst, just before Christmas, 1985; the latter's dismissal an indication of how little reputations matter at Anderlecht, if success is not continually forthcoming.

"People expect a lot because they remember me when I was a player", he feels. "It is too much, and especially last year because when I came, the team was good, but the atmosphere was very bad.

"Perhaps, a lucky thing for me that, in my first game with the team, we won 7-0."

Haan inspired a minor revival at Anderlecht, and Brugge's five-point lead at the beginning of January was cancelled and at the end of the season the championship was decided in Anderlecht's favour after a two-legged play-off.

"As I am only two years as a trainer," says Haan, "I am very satisfied, but now it is difficult for me. We lost many players at the end of last season and winning titles is always much harder the second time."

Yet, there is more to Haan's situation than meets the eye, as he explains: "We have to build up a new team and that is very difficult because supporters expect immediately, good performances and many goals. But the group of players has changed and this season we have had to look for the best combination and see which players are best suited to each position."

Digging further underneath the surface Haan's problems are compounded by club president Constant Vandenstock's past role as ruthless executioner when matters were not going well. There is no room for sentiment at a club which regards itself, unquestionably, as a member of the European elite.

### Back taxes

"Until now, let's say that eight or nine positions are okay," added Haan. "But we are still looking to sort out the other two or three."

Anderlecht were recently hit by demands from the inland revenue for unpaid back taxes, though Haan feels that money to spend won't be a problem if, and when, players become available. His most telling remark, however, was that: "Even our president said it would take at least a year to build up a new team, but now he thinks that, maybe, it is going quicker than expected."

Yesterday's success is tomorrow's judgement — and that is Haan's latest problem, after having had to cope with the post-Mexico lethargy of some of his World Cup stars.

Haan says: "It was very hard in Mexico as they had to play all the game at altitude, so they had many problems. They are now the heroes — but they have now to work even harder. They came back tired and "before you know it there is, maybe, half a year gone and by then it could be too late — too late for me."

He is one on a one-year contract and with a smile he added that: "Then, it depends on the results. When we win and play good, it can be a long time; when we play badly and lose — it could be very short.

European success remains the priority at the Parc Astrid with Haan, having played in three European finals for Ajax and Anderlecht in the 1970s fully aware of the importance of international club success.

Haan's European baptism, against Bayern Munich, in the quarter-finals of last season's Champions' Cup, could hardly have been more formidable. "For us," he says, "it was almost impossible, as Bayern were in great shape and afterwards they went on to win everything. "Only in the European Cup did they fail: but they went on to become West German champions and win the cup — and always big results. They played fantastic."

Hardly surprising that Haan is proud of Anderlecht's victory, especially because he believes "Bayern were stronger than we were." However, on a sultry afternoon in Bucharest, Steaua ended Anderlecht's hopes of winning Europe's foremost club competition, winning 3-0 in the second leg.

Haan recalls: "In Brussels we won only 1-0 and should have won by more, though with just the one goal it is always difficult when you have to go there."

He thinks the Rumanian army outfit were better than many gave them credit for. "I warned our players beforehand that Steaua were a very good team, very strong," he said, adding with an air of resignation that: "Anyway, the players, like players do, said: 'we will manage it'."

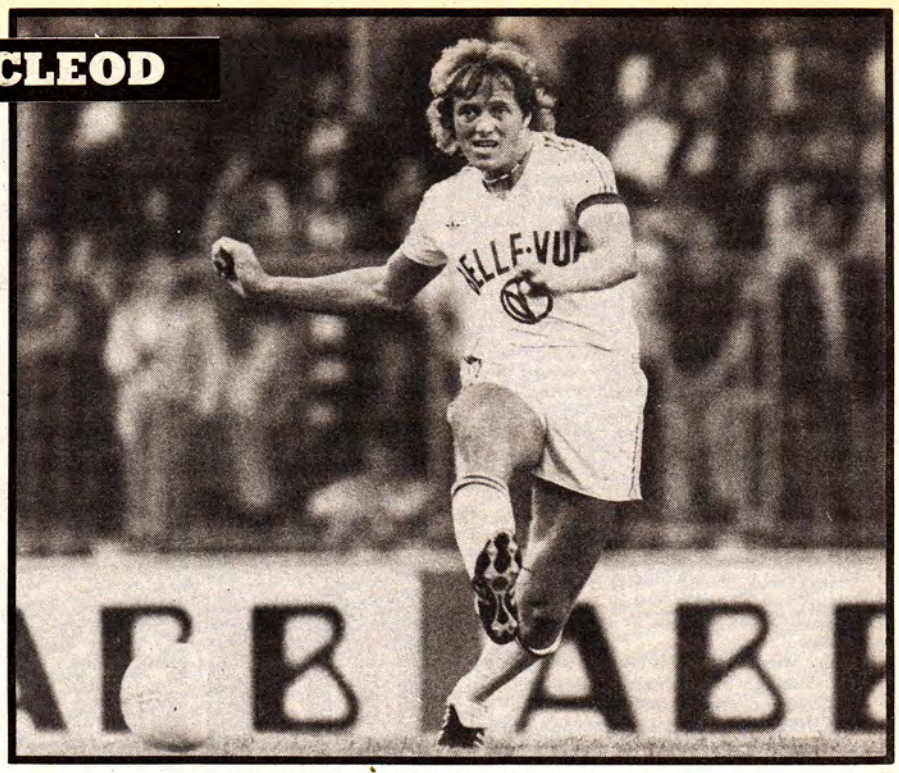
History says otherwise. Two bad defensive lapses were largely responsible for Anderlecht's downfall in the Rumanian capital, though Haan repeats that: "Steaua are a very strong team as we saw against Barcelona. We saw it again in the Real Madrid tournament in the summer when we drew 2-2. They have an effective style and it is very difficult to play against them."

Haan was not to happy when his charges were drawn to play Polish champions, Gornik Zabrze, in the first round of this year's tournament, believing the Poles were not dissimilar in style to the Rumanians. This time Anderlecht showed they had learned their lesson — beating first Gornik and then taking second round revenge over Steaua to end the champions' reign almost before it had begun.

On the domestic front the Brussels outfit remain the side to beat and though early season form was patchy, the side is now more settled. In one of their earlier games, a goalless draw against Kortrijk, I watched a distinctly unimaginative Anderlecht lacking the guile required to break down what was, frequently, a nine-man defence.

BY IAIN MACLEOD

# LECHT HAAN




ARIE HAAN . . . in his playing days for Anderlecht.

Haan recognises the problems and feels that, there has been no consistency to the pattern of play. After a satisfactory opening half, in the second-half, he says that, "we played the English way, with too many high balls — and that's not how we should play."

The consequence, perhaps, of having an old-fashioned centre forward such as the Congolese, Kabango. Haans feels that, at times, his side makes life difficult for themselves and easy for their opponents as "we had too many players in the box." He added: "We have the players but we do not use the wings — we go through the middle too many times — and it is too fast. And the longer the game goes on the more risk our players take and the more chance we might end up with nothing."

Anderlecht lost their vastly experienced Danish international sweeper Morten Olsen to Köln in the close season, though at the age of 37, Haan felt it was an ideal time for him to finish with the club.

But, Olsen was the playmaker of the side and now, there is a void, with Anderlecht, for the time being at least, content to play with four across the back. New signing Adrie van Tiggelen, a Dutch international formerly with Groningen, could come to fill the role the majestic Olsen made all his own.

Haan will not be drawn too much about van Tiggelen's role, but says that: "Presently he plays on the man, but he can also play libero and we will have to see about the future."

Arie Haan has come a long way since the day when, as a youngster he travelled down from the north of Holland to join Ajax. A former schoolteacher, his philosophy of the game remains a simple one. "When you lose the ball," he says, "you have to defend. When you have the ball you go and attack. For all the teams it is the same and all we have to do is find the players to do it — all the rest is nonsense."

He recalls the early days in Holland and states emphatically that, "the Dutch owe everything to Rinus Michels. He said that you must not only do well on the ball, but you have to run also, to run for each other; it is not important to always be the best player."

Haan then went on to echo a theme of many of the old Dutch stars: "We had to learn to fight, to survive," he says, remembering wistfully the old days when street football was prominent in Holland's soccer development.

There were many highlights in an outstanding career and he has vivid memories of his three European Cup final triumphs with Ajax. "In the first against Panathinaikos," he recalls, "I came on as substitute and scored a goal so it was a wonderful experience.

"The second in Rotterdam (against Inter Milan) was my best final, but the third one in Belgrade, I remember that, we were finished, we were dead. We played well in the first 25 or so, but we made it 1-0 early on and it was finished. We couldn't run and we were just happy to have won the game."

Surprisingly, of the two disappointments incurred in successive World Cup Final defeats, Haan says that, for him, Argentina was the more bitter experience. Of the defeat in Munich in 1974, Haan says that: "When you play the best football in the world there is some disappointment, but you are satisfied. "But then, in Argentina, I always felt we had a good chance. Then, it hurt."

Could the Dutch ever come back as a major force? "Of course," replied Haan, "why not? They have a good football generation, but I think they need to learn how to play under pressure — they never play well under pressure.

"Unless you have the opportunity to play in Europe regularly you have no chance. In the Ajax days there was pressure, but it was easier to play. You have to remember that when you play a defensive team, even though you know you are the better team there is no guarantee you will win the game.

"For an attacking team you need players who are creative and who think. But it is difficult to find them for the moment — and when you do they are very expensive. There are fewer now, so they are even more expensive."

Thinking is a very important part of the Haan philosophy and he agreed totally when I mentioned that the great Austrian coach, Ernest Happel, felt that the game should be played 90 per cent with the head and 10 per cent with the feet.

"The problem," says Haan, "is that, at the moment is is played less and less with the mind and more and more with the feet, so we will never have great football.

"It's easy to look for a player who is on the ball; too many times we say when he is good on the ball he is a good player and that is not true. I always fight against this, because you can play a good game without touching one ball. It's possible, but nobody believes it, nobody sees it — and that's the problem.

"The youngsters don't play so many games now. Before we played many 'little' games and our vision of the game was developing — I think most players now have problems with their vision of the game. They can do everything with the ball, they are very fast, they are bery good athletes and thay are good at heading — but football is more than just being a good athlete."

Haan also warns against incessant media criticism being bad for the game. "A lot of journalists see only how bad it is," he says, "and that is not good for football. "It's always a problem to put your finger on the bad things, but it is even more important to lay your finger on the good things. That is more important than anything else.

"I saw in Holland when we played the best football in the world how there was a lot of criticism, but now the critics are more restrained because they know criticism makes trouble. In Belgium, however, there has been a change in how they look at the game. There are no gentle critics now — they are all very hard."

The price of success, perhaps?

Haan and his family have now lived in Belgium for 11 years, is comfortably entrenched and has no plans to return to his native land. Or, at least, not yet. Anderlecht's Champions' Cup progress this season will have much to do with where we find Haan next.

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# Sleeping giants MTK come back to life . . .

## Club Focus by Brian O'Sullivan

**MTK-VM, the sleeping giants of Hungarian soccer who were named MTK and then Hungária in their triumphant eras, are on course to win their first title in 29 years and to re-enter European club competition in their centenary season.**

After opening the season with two defeats the club's manager of last season József Both resigned and in stepped Jozsef Verebes who had left Rába ETO Györ with plans afoot to join a western European club.

These fell through and instead the inspirational motivator who rose from a harsh childhood in Budapest now finds himself with two special challenges: keeping MTK-VM on top of the table when the spring half of the season starts next month (subs — March) and also managing the Hungarian national team at the same time. The club hope he can continue to manage them after this season.

Just before Christmas Verebes became the 37th man to be appointed to this post when Imre Komora, after a three-match stand-in-role following the World Cup, returned to his club Budapest Honvéd whom he had guided to three successive titles.

Now it is Verebes, with the support of his club president and new Hungarian FA president Jenö Somogyi, who will attempt to end the domination of the Army club.

This year will be a busy one not only for Verebes, who with Raba managed the first non-Budapest club to successive championship titles in 1982 and 1983, but also for the blue-and-whites of Hungária Boulevard.

Club vice-president Sándor Berzi says that the Centenary Cup will be held at the end of July or in August next year and will consist of four or six teams with invitations having gone out to eternal rivals and near neighbours Ferencváros as well as Bayern Munich, Austria Vienna and Dynamo Kiev.

While arrangements for this tournament continue it is already certain that a new event, for the Gusztáv Sebes Cup, will be inaugurated from August 15-21 this year when four clubs from Budapest and four from abroad will contest the trophy, to commemmorate the former MTK player who managed the Magic Magyars team of the 1950s.

The first Hungarian club to reach a European final, in which they lost the Cup-winners' Cup final of 1964 to Sporting Lisbon after a replay, MTK-VM's rich history consists of some name changes but many more renowned names, most from a bygone age when the talk in the coffee houses and wine gardens of old Budapest was of great games, players with personality, and a close-passing, ground-level style of football from the classic Central European school.

This blossomed under the coaching of a Scot, Jimmy Hogan, who guided MTK to five of their ten successive championship titles between 1913-14 and 1924-25.

Döme Fronz was in charge for three of these seasons and later Alfred Schaffer, one of the club's greatest players, returned to take them to their two titles in the mid-1930s and Márton Bukovi was supremo when the most recent three championships were won in the 1950s, the last in 1957-58. Bukovi, who had played for Ferencváros, as well as former MKK players Gyula Mándi and Pál Titkos, aided Sebes in the training and management of the Magic Magyars in the 1950s.

Football was the eighth sports section of what are now 12 to be formed within Magyar Testgyarkorlók Köre (Hungarian Athletic Club) which was established on November 16, 1902. In August of that year some members of NTE (National Gymnastics League) left that club and held an athletics meeting in the courtyard of the Freudiger mansion in a residential district of Budapest.

The success of the athletic contest resulted in the group declaring the need for a new club and founding members were Sándor Donáth, Arnold Kohn, Dávid Müller, Lipót Sachs, Arpád Kukemezey, Ádám Horner, Izidor Lauber and Adám Leitner.

On October 20, 1901, a football match was played between an MTK team and BTC and the football section was formed the following year. Finishing second in Division 2 of 1902, they played off with 33 FC and MAC to enter an enlarged Division 1 in 1903.

They finished third and then, under the captaincy of Imre Pozsonyi and coaching of Sándor Kertész, won the 1904 championship, the first of 18 (the same total as Újpest Dózsa and second only to the 23 by Ferencváros).

In the 1907-08 season the title was won undefeated, the first of four such feats, and the club was to finish outside the top four only twice (fourth in 1908-09 and fourth in 1933-34) until it was dissolved, temporarily, during the second world war.

The third title success, in 1913-14, marked the beginning of the club's greatest era — the ten successive championship triumphs — but the First World War prevented any official league competitions being played in 1914, 1915 and 1916.

Alfréd Brüll, club president from 1905 to 1944, was the key person in getting the club's ground completed for use in 1912 and now he went about developing what came to be called the Golden Team.

He persuaded Hogan to the club and then, in December, 1915, a great furore was caused when Imre Schlosser transferred from deadly rivals Ferencváros just around the boulevard.

Other players who were to star with Schlosser during some of the nine league wins from 1916-17 to 1924-25 were Antal Vágó, Vilmos Kertész, Kálmán Konrad, Alfred Schaffer, the legendary György Orth, György Molnár and Mándi.

Schlosser was the first Hungarian to attain fame throughout Europe. An inside left with a deadly left foot, he scored 135 goals in 115 league matches and was in a champion team six times (he also won five league medals with Ferencváros, his first and last club).

Schlosser once scored six goals for Hungary against Switzerland and five in another international against the Soviet Union and his 59 goals in 68 international matches was a record until the 1950s.

But some of his league scoring feats survived even the Magic Magyar period; no one has bettered his feat of being leading league scorer in seven successive seasons. He later became a leading referee.

Vilmos Kertész, a balanced, easy-going, right half, was in MTK's reserve team when chosen for the first of his 47 international matches and only he and Mándi are players to have won nine championship medals for the club.

Antal Vágó, left half, was in eight championship-winning line-ups and played 17 times for the national team while Konrád, with exactly a goal a game in 81 league matches, had four championship medals, setting up goals for Schaffer and Orth, before he left in the early 1920s for Austria, returning to Hungary in 1928 when he was recalled to the national team.

Alfred Schaffer, an imaginative, ball-playing, centre forward, was MTK's goal-scoring star before he, too, moved abroad, to Germany, where the Nuremberg fans called him the "Fussballkönig."

He also played in Austria and Switzerland, thus representing Hungary in only 15 matches, scoring 17 times, before he coached what was now Hungária to successive league titles in 1935-36 and 1936-37.

György Orth was the versatile, complete, player, the early hero of Hungarian soccer and still considered by many to be the best-ever footballer produced by the country. In the championship-winning MTK team at aged 15, chosen for his national team debut a year later, the 6ft-plus Orth had an elegant, magisterial, style with a distinctive body swerve and attracted crowds all over the country.

But in 1925 the FK Austria fullback Tandler jumped deliberately on Orth's leg and broke it, leaving the coach Hogan, who had discovered Orth, in inconsolable tears.

Orth returned in 1927 and, although being in eight champion teams, was never quite the same, retired at the end of the decade after 30 matches for Hungary, and took up coaching, in Europe and then South America, from where he was returning home to stay in 1962 when he suffered a heart attack in Portugal and died. A statue in the MTK stadium commemmorates his memory.

Another to end his playing career with MKT at the close of the 1920s was György Molnár, an inside right who still scored 138 times in 180 league games and won seven title medals as well as 27 international selections.

Mándi, fourth in the all-time list of league appearances — bettered only by Károly Sándor (379), Irme Kovács (363) and János Borsó (330) — was a clever, technical, right back who followed the era of the Fogl brothers and their powerful, physical, style.

In contrast, the creative, warm-hearted, Mándi read the play, prepared attacks, played 31 internationals and, as well as coaching the national team with Sebes, also worked in Brazil.

The careers of some of these players stretched into the era of professionalism, introduced in Hungary in 1926, when MTK's name was Hungária until July 18, 1940, when with the second world war going on the Jewish support within the club could be safeguarded only by the organisation being closed down.

Mándi was the main link, playing until 1937, Orth's injury having brought the Golden Team era to an end. But Jenö Kalmár, with his famous "upward dives," became the new star, scoring 56 goals in 81 games before Schaffer was back to coach and, given a free hand by Brüll, lured Ferenc Sas from Elektromos.

## Blunders

Sebes was there, too, with Cseh László, the ball-artist who got 197 goals in 184 matches and played in 33 internationals, Antal Szabó, goalkeeper of the 1934 and 1938 World Cup teams who made reckless blunders yet saved so many penalties, József Turai, who rose from being a bakery worker international status, joining Hungária from Ferencváros, and Pál Titkos, a strong, penetrative, left winger who was in the 1938 World Cup final team with Szabó, Biró and Sas.

After the championship title was retained in 1936-37 Hungária were third for the next two seasons and then favourites throughout the 1939-40 season until in the last match they led Újpest 3-0 at half-time only to draw and see Ferencváros win the title with better goal figures.

The club, revived as MTK in 1945, was always handily-placed up until 1948-49 when finishing second to Ferencváros. Then, with the great Hungarian national team taking shape within Honvéd, the Army club formed by the taking-over of Kispest AC, there was a running battle between Puskás, Bozsik and company with the blue-and-whites of Hungária Boulevard, named as either Textiles, Budapest Bástya, or Budapest Vörös Lobogó in the eight championships until the 1956 programme was suspended because of the Hungarian Revolution.

Honvéd won six titles and were second twice while their initial arch-rivals (Ferencváros having suffered most from the formation of Honvéd) were twice winners, fourth four times and third two times.

The first title was won by four points in 1951, under the coaching of Bukovi, whose team lost only two matches, one at Györ when the team failed to arrive in time because of bad weather. Players to feature in this team were Nándor Hidegkuti, Péter Palotás, József Zakariás, Mihály Lantos and, perhaps best remembered of all the club's players, Sándor.

## Triumph

All of this quintet except Sándor, considered a misfit by Sebes initially, were in the Hungarian side at the 1954 World Cup where the final was lost 3-2 to West Germany after an early 2-0 lead, a season after Bukovi and captain Hidegkuti masterminded the 1953 title triumph.

Hidegkuti, with a Division 2 club when he made his international debut, joined MTK in 1946 in curious circumstances, having arrived early for an appointment at Ferencváros when he heard supporters talking disdainfully about his ability, causing Hidegkuti, a senative soul, to promptly join their rivals.

He was an inside right for the club, still scoring 222 goals in 302 matches, but the crucial, deep-lying, centre forward in the national team, establishing himself from 1952 and scoring a first-minute goal in a hat-trick against England in the historic 6-3 success at Wembley in 1953, one of the highlights of his 68-match, 39-goal, career for his country.

Zakariás was another who joined MTK after making his national team debut when with another club, in his case MATEOSZ. Here was a workhorse defender yet a visionary player, too, as he showed in his play for Hungary by dropping back from his left half role to cover for the defensive line.

The last of his 35 matches for the country was the 1954 World Cup final whereas Lantos continued until 1956, making 52 appearances after being converted from a forward to left fullback by Bukovi.

When the great national team broke up Sándor came into his own. The extrovert right winger, who made his debut for Hungary in 1949, showed his individual, inventive, style in the 1958 and 1962 World Cup competitions and his strong personality and pure sense of fun inspired his team-mates.

An example was in the final of the European Cup Winners' Cup against Sporting Lisbon in Brussels in 1964 when his two goals in the second half put MTK level before a scoreless extra time and a 1-0 defeat, from a goal direct from a corner, in the replay in Antwerp.

## History

MTK, throughout their history, have given heart-warming performances in cup competitions. They won the first three Hungarian Cup finals, and six of the first eight, had a six-match series with Sparta Prague before losing the 1934 final of the Central Euroepan Cup, also known as the Mitropa Cup, which was won in 1955 and 1963, and in their six other appearances in European Cup competitions have been eliminated by two winners. (Valencia, quarter-final of UEFA Cup 1960-61, and Hamburg, second round of Cup Winners' Cup 1976-77) and one losing finalist (Reims, second round of the Champions' Cup 1955-56).

The club's slip from the heady days before the first world war and between the wars is explained partly by the national team's modest position in annual rankings. Improved living standards within the country have played a part, too, and the decision to accept VM Egyetértés as a merger club on January 28, 1975, suggested that the club was aware of the need to take stock.

There are not, for example, the players in today's squad of the quality of Sándor, still a member of the club's committee and who played more times for Hungary — 75 — while a member of MTK than any other player; the club's last really big name, Ferenc Sipos, left in 1963 for Honvéd and went on to play 77 times, 57 in succession, his sound, untiring, play at centre-half being seen in three World Cups after MTK converted him from an inside forward.

MTK-VM continues to receive the patronage and support of the Ministry of Home Trade, the Ministry of Light Industry as well, while club president János Fekete is vice-president of the Hungarian National Bank.

Relegated for the first time ever from Division 1 in 1981, the club bounced straight back and the best placing since then was seventh last season after former player Tibor Palicskó had tried to resurrect their fortunes.



**THE PLAYERS**

**JÓZSEF GÁSPÁR (goalkeeper):** Born Budapest 28.6.55. Longest serving member of club in squad, having joined for 1975-76 season and now totalled over 250 appearances.

**LASZLÓ HUSZÁRIK (right fullback):** Born Tornyospalca 15.9.59. Re-establishing a regular spot after missing most of last season, having moved to MTK-VM from Vasa. Was previously at BVSC, club of the Budapest railway workers.

**GÁBOR HIRES (centre back):** Born Budapest 26.2.58. The big signing of the summer from Vasas whose defensive play in all 15 league matches in the autumn half of the season has been one of the reasons for the team's success.

**CSABA TURNER (centre back or right fullback):** Born Sopron 19.1.78. Serious-faced but sound defender who has given fine service since first playing for the club in 1978-79.

**JÁNOS KOVÁCS (left fullback):** Born Budapest 14.8.54. Has held his position with spirited, tenacious play since the 1979-80 season, the one after he joined from GANZ-Mavag.

**ISTVÁN VARGA (midfield):** Born Budapest 1.1.63. Lean, well-balanced, product of youth section of club who was an ever-present in the autumn campaign.

**GYÖRGY SZEIBERT (midfield):** Born Budapest 29.12.60. Coming into his own after previous spells at BVSC, Budapest Honvéd and Volan. His speciality is to score goals from free kicks with strong accurate kicks.

**GYÖRGY BOGNÁR (midfield):** Born Baja 5.11.61. Converted to a midfield role from the front line with success this season following a disappointing time with the national team in the World Cup in Mexico. His alertness and neat technique enables him to provide the surprise element in the team's attacks. Ten international appearances.

**SÁNDOR TURTÓCZKY (midfield):** Born Nyiregyhaza 1.10.56. The pint-sized, perpetual motion man of the MTK-VM midfield who has always proved his value despite some absences in a club career that began in 1977-78. Has now totalled almost 200 matches after previously at Nyiregyhaza and BVSC. Also scores some vital goals.

**REZSÖ KÉKESI (forward):** Born Budapest 11.1.58. Ever-present, and ever in form, on the right wing this season with his energetic, penetrative play and popular with supporters since moving from Volan for the 1984-85 season. His first club was neighbours Ferencváros.

**IMRE BODA (forward):** Born Budapest 10.10.61. Youth product, the most recent of the club's players to represent his country, making his debut in playing the first 65 minutes against Holland before scoring in the 2-1 defeat in Greece in November. A fast, skilful and positive player who has played in nearly 150 matches and scored more than 50 goals since his debut in 1980-81.

**IMRE KATZENBACH (midfield):** Born Soltvodkert, near Kecskemét, 20.9.64. Joined club for 1983-84 season and had three sound campaigns but not a first choice player this season, after playing for Hungary Under-24 team in two-legged European semi-final against Spain in April.

**OTHER SQUAD MEMBERS:** Emil Lörincz (born Budapest 29.9.65), Attila Szalay (born Vác 9.7.65), Attila Horváth (born Budapest 2.6.67).

## WORLD SOCCER FOUR PAGE ASIAN SPECIAL

# South Korean gold

**SOUTH Korea confirmed their status as top dogs of Asian soccer by winning the gold medals in the football tournament of the 1986 Seoul Asian Games.**

The tournament featured a record 18 entries; the previous best was 16 in the 1982 New Delhi Games. Although Singapore, Hong Kong, Lebanon, Bhutan and Maldives contested other events, they did not field a team in the football competition. Syria, North Korea and Burma were absent from the games.

As expected, the Arab nations dominated the first round, topping three of the four groups and claiming five of the eight quarter-final berths. The United Arab Emirates defeated reigning champions Iraq to head Group A, Saudi Arabia won all of its Group C matches, Kuwait did likewise in Group D, and South Korea defeated China 4-2 to top Group B.

Pakistan and Nepal were totally outclassed, conceding 15 and 17 goals respectively, and Bangladesh were only marginally better. Malaysia were also a major disappointment. Having won the Merdeka Cup in fine style the Malaysians were expected to do well, but lost to Indonesia and the Saudis to finish bottom of Group C.

Little Oman, competing in their first senior continent-wide tournament, emphasised a recent improvement with draws against Thailand and United Arab Emirates, and a 3-1 victory over Pakistan.

As in the Mexican Mundial, penalties were a prominent feature of the later stages of the tournament and all four quarter-finals and one semi-final were decided in this fashion.

The quarter-finals saw the United Arab Emirates dominate their match against the plucky Indonesians, but lose on post match penalties. Saudi Arabia, the Asian Cup holders, had to convert nine spot-kicks before eliminating Iraq; 1986 Gulf champions Kuwait needed only five penalties to shake off the determined Chinese; and South Korea and Iran battled through 120 minutes of heavy rain before Nasser Mohammed Khani missed the first, and ultimately decisive, penalty to give the hosts the match.

The final was guaranteed an East-West confrontation when Indonesia was paired with South Korea and Saudi Arabia with Kuwait for the semi-finals.

The Indonesians had won only one match in the championship and had been extemely fortunate to reach the last four, but their luck ran out against the rampant Koreans. Cho Kwang-rae opened the scoring in the 28th minute, 1985 Asian Footballer of the Year Choi Soon-ho added two more after the break and Lee Tae-ho completed the 4-0 rout.

Saudi Arabia won the right to meet the Koreans after overcoming Kuwait in the best match of the tournament. It was a pulsating game that neither side deserved to lose, but after 120 minutes play the two were still locked together at 2-2 and the match went to penalty kicks. The Saudis were more accurate from the spot; winning the contest 5-4. There was some consolation for the Kuwaitis when they thrashed Indonesia 5-0 to take the bronze medals.

The sell-out 75,000 crowd that packed the Olympic Stadium for the final witnessed a drab match. While the Koreans were able field a team missing only Cha Bum-kuen from the side that performed creditably in Mexico, the Saudis went into the game without 1984 Asian Footballer of the Year Majed Abdullah Mohammed and brilliant defender Mohammed Abdul Jawad.

The hosts went ahead as early as the 8th minute when a shot from winger Kim Joo-sung struck a Saudi defender and Cho Kwang-rae was on hand to hit the rebound past the diving Saudi keeper.

Although Saudi winger Ismail Hakami and midfielder Fahd Mosaibeih consistently got behind the Korean defence, their strikers failed to deliver the final touch necessary to trouble the Korean keeper. With Park Chang-sun running the midfield and Choi Soon-ho a constant danger around the Saudi area, the Koreans always seemed more likely to score.

The hosts finally put the issue beyond doubt with a goal five minutes from time. Park Chang-sun worked his way into the penalty area left of the goal before crossing for Byun Byung-joo to fire an angled shot past the despairing Saudi keeper Salem Marwan.

Amazingly, this was the first time that South Korea had won the title outright. They had shared the gold medals with Burma in 1970 and North Korea in 1978, and had been silver medalists in 1954, 1958 and 1962.

GROUP A

UAE-Pakistan 1-0; Iraq-Oman 4-0; UAE-Thailand 2-1; Iraq-Pakistan 5-1; Thailand-Oman 0-0; UAE-Iraq 2-1; Oman-Pakistan 3-1; Iraq-Thailand 2-1; UAE-Oman 0-0; Thailand-Pakistan 6-0.

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| United Arab Emirates | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| Iraq | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 4 | 6 |
| Oman | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 4 |
| Thailand | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 3 |
| Pakistan | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 15 | 0 |

GROUP B

South Korea-India 3-0; China-Bahrain 5-1; China-India 2-1; South Korea-Bahrain 0-0; Bahrain-India 3-0; South Korea-China 4-2.

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| South Korea | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 5 |
| China | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 4 |
| Bahrain | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 3 |
| India | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 0 |

GROUP C

Saudi Arabia-Malaysia 3-1; Qatar-Indonesia 1-1; Qatar-Malaysia 1-1; Saudi Arabia-Indonesia 2-0; Indonesia-Malaysia 1-0; Saudi Arabia-Qatar 1-0.

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Saudi Arabia | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 6 |
| Indonesia | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Qatar | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 2 |
| Malaysia | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 1 |

GROUP D

Kuwait-Bangladesh 4-0; Japan-Nepal 5-0; Iran-Japan 2-0; Kuwait-Nepal 5-0; Iran-Bangladesh 4-0; Kuwait-Japan 2-0; Bangladesh-Nepal 1-0; Kuwait-Iran 1-0; Japan-Bangladesh 4-0; Iran-Nepal 6-0.

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kuwait | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 8 |
| Iran | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 1 | 6 |
| Japan | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 4 | 4 |
| Bangladesh | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 12 | 2 |
| Nepal | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 17 | 0 |

**QUARTER FINALS**

South Korea-Iran 1-1 (5-4 penalties); Indonesia-UAE 2-2 (4-3 penalties); Saudi Arabia-Iraq 1-1 (9-8 penalties); Kuwait-China 1-1 (5-4 penalties).

**SEMI FINALS**

South Korea-Indonesia 4-0; Saudi Arabia-Kuwait 2-2 (5-4 penalties).

**THIRD PLACE MATCH**

Kuwait-Indonesia 5-0.

**FINAL**

South Korea-Saudi Arabia 2-0.

**LEADING GOALSCORERS** 6 Goals: Saleh Al-Hasawi (Kuwait). 5 Goals: Ma Lin (China), Fatabadi Gholomreza (Iran), Piyapong Peu-oun (Thailand), Hara Hiromi (Japan), Majid Abdullah Mohammed (Saudi Arabia), Ronnachai Sayomchai (Thailand), Harris Mohammed Hassan (Iraq), Yousef Al-Suwayed (Kuwait).

**PAST WINNERS** 1951: India, 1954: Taiwan, 1958: Taiwan, 1962: India, 1966: Burma, 1970: Burma and South Korea, 1974: Iran, 1978: South Korea and North Korea, 1982: Iraq.

**THAILAND: Bangkok Bank emerged as the 1986 champions following a lucky 1-0 victory over Rajpracha FC in the final.**

After completing the first and second rounds of the championship without defeat, the Bankers were sensationally beaten 2-1 by the Airforce in the first leg of the semi-finals. Vichit Sechana had put the Airmen ahead in the sixth minute with a fine solo goal, international midfielder Chalermvudh Sanghapol had equalised two minutes after the break, but Jittapong Meesoongnerm converted a late penalty to give the underdogs a somewhat lucky victory.

The second leg was a different story, however, as the Bankers scored twice in the first 16 minutes through Chalit Sattabun and Thammawit Siritham, and managed to hold off a late charge from the Airmen to progress to the final on a 3-2 aggregate.

Meanwhile, Rajpracha FC qualified from the other semi-final after defeating reigning champions Port Authority. The first game had ended 2-2 with Ronnachai Sayomchai and Tawee Tong-orn netting for the champions and Vittaya Laohakul, with a 25-yard scorcher, and Madaz Thongthuam scoring for Rajpracha.

Although denied two obvious penalties by referee Booncherd Prakaranand, Rajpracha won the second leg 2-1. Madaz Thongthuam broke the deadlock in the 13th minute and just two minutes later Vittaya Laohakul produced another 25-yard effort to increase the lead. Shortly after, veteran striker Daoyos Dara pounced on a mistake by the Rajpracha keeper to pull one back, but that was the end of the scoring and the champions were out.

Rajpracha carried their good form into the final, but an own goal in the 24th minute proved to be their downfall. After being forced back into their own half for the first 20 minutes, the Bankers had forced a corner. While trying to head away the resultant kick, international fullback Surak Chaikitti headed into his own net.

Rajpracha dominated the rest of the game but could not find the equaliser.

GROUP ONE

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Airforce | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 13 | 5 | 9 |
| Army | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 15 | 5 | 8 |
| Port Authority | 6 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 16 | 7 | 7 |
| Rajpracha FC | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 7 |
| Thamrongthai | 6 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 18 | 5 |
| Osotsapha | 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 13 | 4 |
| Navy | 6 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 14 | 2 |

GROUP TWO

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Krungthai Bank | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 18 | 7 | 9 |
| Bankok Bank | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 17 | 6 | 9 |
| Tavorn Farm | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 7 | 8 |
| Police | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 8 |
| Thai Namthip | 6 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 14 | 4 |
| Thai Pradit | 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 14 | 4 |
| Nawamachanusorn | 6 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 18 | 1 |

SECOND ROUND

GROUP ONE

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bangkok Bank | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 6 |
| Rajpracha FC | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| Army | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| Police | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 0 |

GROUP TWO

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Port Authority | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| Airforce | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 4 |
| Krungthai Bank | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| Tavorn Farm | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 1 |

**SEMI-FINALS**

Bangkok Bank-Airforce 1-2, 2-0; Rajpracha-Port Authority 2-2, 2-1.

**FINAL**

Bangkok Bank-Rajpracha 1-0.

**LEADING GOALSCORER:** 15 Goals: Ronnachai Sayomchai (Port Authority).

**RECENT WINNERS:** 1981: Bangkok Bank, 1982: Rajpracha, 1983: Army, 1984: Bangkok Bank, 1985: Port Authority.

**AUSTRALIA: Adelaide City Juventus are the surprise Australian National League champions for 1986.**

CANADA'S Igor Vrablic (left) in a World Cup sprint with Frenchman Patrick Battiston.

**by Peter Burns**

In financial difficulties before the season began, Juventus could not afford top players to bolster their squad and were not expected to improve on their ninth placing in the 1985 Southern Division of the National League.

Indeed, as the two-division system was being replaced by an elite 14-team league in 1987, the Adelaide club was even in danger of losing its National League status.

Although Juventus had not made much of an impression in the first nine years of the National League, finishing 4th, 10th, 5th, 5th, 7th, 13th, 7th (Southern Division) and 9th (Southern Division), the club was no stranger to honours prior to the introduction of the national competition.

Founded by Italian migrants in 1946, the club were champions of the South Australian second division the same year and were promoted to the first division. The same migrants had formed a club six years earlier named Savoy (after the reigning Italian royal house), but this team was disbanded soon after the Italians became involved in the second world war.

After the war ended, the Italians reformed the club, but, as the house of Savoy had become discredited throughout much of the Italian community, the name was changed to Juventus.

Juventus spent six almost anonymous years in the first division before launching an onslaught unparalleled in South Australian soccer.

In the seven years from 1953, Juventus won the league six times and the cup five times; including four 'doubles'. The 1956 championship was won without dropping a point and the one year they failed to win the league title, 1955, Juve finished just one point behind champions Polonia.

In their six championship seasons, Juventus played 126 games with the outstanding record of W: 107, D: 12, L: 7, F: 508, A: 116.

Juventus surrendered league supremacy to Budapest for the next three seasons, but returned to the winners' list with a league and cup 'double' in 1963, the league again in 1964 and a further cup success in 1965.

The 1964 cup competition was to be an ominous sign for the Zebras. The winner that year was West Adelaide Hellas, the Greek sponsored club that was to be their greatest rivals in South Australian soccer.

Over the next 11 seasons, Juventus won the league title in 1967, 1970, 1972 and 1974. West Adelaide Hellas won the championship in the intervening years with the exception of 1975, when Polonia were champions.

Whilst they were overshadowed in the league, Juve dominated the cup during the same period and won a record five consecutive trophies between 1969 and 1973.

Because of their fine record in South Australian soccer, Juventus were invited, along with West Adelaide, to become founder members of the National League in 1977. Fielding four Australian

## WORLD SOCCER FOUR PAGE ASIAN SPECIAL

# SMALL BUT STEADY OMAN

**SMALL country, steady progress. That's the way it is with Oman since their competitive debut in the third Arabian Gulf Cup tournament, in Kuwait in 1974.**

This competition has been their main contact with other nations — although they have yet to finish anywhere other than last in subsequent competitions, or even to have won a match.

Until 1982 the team seemed content to amble along without any great effort to improve the game on a general level, but since then the Oman FA have made strenuous efforts to raise standards.

A Brazilian national team coach, Paolo Henrique, was appointed in August 1982; he was a Brazilian international left back from 1966-70 and played for Flamengo and Americano. He seemed to be taking the team on to better things although without any noticeable successes, and Oman performed creditably enough in the Arabian Gulf Cup tournament they hosted in March 1984.

However, in October 1984 Oman played disastrously in the Asian Cup qualifiers and the entire coaching staff was sacked, while the team was disbanded for not trying. Results were 0-8 v United Arab Emirates, 0-6 v Saudi Arabia, 1-1 v Sri Lanka and 8-0 v Nepal. At least the win over Nepal represented Oman's first competitive victory.

Having dismissed the coaching staff and team, the Oman FA decided to withdraw from all international competition until the next Gulf Cup in Bahrain in 1986. Hence they withdrew from their World Cup qualifying section, where they had been drawn with the UAE and Saudi Arabia, and were promptly fined £3,000 by FIFA.

The Oman FA decided to persevere with Brazilian coaches, despite calls for English imports, and in January 1985 appointed Antonio Jose Clemente, aged 47, who had just spent three successful years with the Angolan club Petro Athletic. In all, six Brazilians were appointed to take care of the national team, the youth team and physiotherapy.

To prepare for the 1986 Gulf Cup, a national squad was selected in the summer of 1985 and all players were required to leave their clubs for the season to devote themselves to the squad.

As part of their preparation the squad went to Brazil for two months, playing ten matches against local sides, then returned to Oman for a series of matches against invited club teams from abroad.

The intensive preparations brought about a noted improvement in play but the basic resources of skill were lacking, and Oman once again finished last in the Gulf Cup with just one draw, although their play attracted compliments from other Gulf sides who noted the improvements.

The team spent a busy summer preparing for their next major tournament, the Asian Games to be held in Seoul in September, and were surprise winners over Saudi Arabia and Bahrain in friendly internationals.

However, just three weeks before the tournament began, mounting criticism of coach Clemente came to a head and he was sacked.

According to OFA President Said Khusaibi: "We cannot say Clemente is bad, he has success behind him, but we found him technically weak and the players are not happy with him." Youth team coach George Vitorio took over the team's preparation as caretaker manager.

The Asian games campaign was surprisingly successful, with a win (over Pakistan) two goalless draws (with Thailand and UAE) and only one defeat (from Iraq). In view of these performances, Vitorio has stayed on as coach for the preparations for Oman's Olympic Games qualifiers against Bahrain and Saudi Arabia in April 1987.

All the football teams in Oman are part of multi-sports clubs, although the football section is invariably the most active and popular. The geography of the country makes a national competition expensive to run, as there is a gap of 1,000 km between the two main population centres with desert in between (Muscat the capital in the north, Salalah in the south).

Travel expenses are met by the Oman FA, and clubs are given a government subsidy of about £1,300 a month. Other income comes from club subscription fees and fund raising activities; gate money goes direct to the Oman FA.

There is a fine balance of power betwen north and south. The dominant clubs in the north are Al Ahli (Darsait), Oman Club (Muscat) and Fanja. From Salalah come Dhofar, Al Nasr and Al Ittihad. The north eastern town of Sur also has two strong clubs, Sur and Al Aruba.

Of these clubs, Fanja are the most surprising, as the town is fairly small and some distance from the capital; but a combination of a grass pitch which attracts good players and a fiercely partisan support keeps them in the foreground. Although all clubs have their own ground, facilities are generally poor, and only Al Ahli, Oman Club and Al Nasr have any sort of terracing.

League games are played on just 19 grounds, generally played on neutral pitches to save the best pitches from over use. The grass pitch at Bait al Falaj Stadium, which belongs to the Army, is also used frequently for league matches, while the Royal Oman Police Stadium is used for important international and club games. Sultan Qaboos Stadium is rarely used, saved for big occasions like the cup final.

In November 1985, the newest stadium, at the Sultan Qaboos Sports Complex, was inaugurated with the Qaboos Cup Final between Fanja and Al Ahli. It has a capacity of about 50,000 but this is likely never to be tested for a football match; the cup final attracted under 20,000. It claims the tallest floodlight towers in the world (63.5 metres).

At club level, the top teams compete in the Super League, with two other divisions below. There are currently 12 teams in the Super League but the format has changed frequently in recent years.

There are few foreign players in the Oman League, largely due to finance, but two foreigners are allowed for each team. There is a large expatriate population amounting to perhaps 20 per cent of the population, but foreign ethnic groups tend to stick to themselves. There are some foreign coaches, mainly from Egypt and Sudan.

| Season | Sultan Qaboos Cup | Oman Super League |
|---|---|---|
| 1971/72 | Sur | — |
| 1972/73 | Oman Club | — |
| 1973/74 | Al Talia | — |
| 1974/75 | Fanja | — |
| 1975/76 | Fanja | — |
| 1976/77 | Dhofar | — |
| 1977/78 | Fanja | Fanja |
| 1978/79 | Oman Club | Al Nasr |
| 1979/80 | Dhofar | Al Nasr |
| 1980/81 | Dhofar | Al Nasr |
| 1981/82 | Al Ahli | Dhofar |
| 1982/83 | Al Ahli | Al Ahli |
| 1983/84 | Al Ahli | Fanja |
| 1984/85 | Al Ahli | Dhofar |
| 1985/86 | Fanja | Fanja |
| 1986/87 | Fanja | |

**Oman Super League 1984-85**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dhofar | 20 | 14 | 4 | 2 | 44 | 9 | 32 |
| Al Nasr | 20 | 13 | 5 | 2 | 45 | 12 | 31 |
| Oman Club | 20 | 12 | 3 | 5 | 48 | 15 | 27 |
| Al Ahli | 20 | 12 | 3 | 5 | 40 | 18 | 27 |
| Sur | 20 | 9 | 3 | 8 | 27 | 34 | 21 |
| Al Ittihad | 20 | 9 | 2 | 9 | 33 | 29 | 20 |
| Sidab | 20 | 8 | 4 | 8 | 28 | 33 | 20 |
| Fanja | 20 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 39 | 29 | 19 |
| Relegated | | | | | | | |
| Ruwi | 20 | 6 | 4 | 10 | 36 | 42 | 16 |
| Talia | 20 | 2 | 0 | 18 | 7 | 73 | 4 |
| Musanah | 20 | 1 | 1 | 18 | 19 | 72 | 3 |

First division: Winners Al Hilal, runners-up Al Aruba.
Second Division: Winners Majis, runners-up Birka.

**Sultan Qaboos Regional Cup 1985**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Southern | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 28 | 6 | 9 |
| Capital | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 25 | 5 | 9 |
| Batinah | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 24 | 10 | 8 |
| Sharqiya | 6 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 23 | 10 | 7 |
| Dhahirah | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 17 | 18 | 5 |
| Dhakilia | 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 8 | 4 |
| Musandam | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 78 | 0 |

**Sultan Qaboos Cup 1985-86**

Final: Fanja 3, Al Ahli 0. Played November 11, 1985.

Previous finals: 1982, Al Ahli 2, Dhofar 1.
1983, Al Ahli 2, Fanja 0.
1984, Al Ahli 3, Dhofar 0.

Previous league champions: 1982-83, Dhofar.
1983-84, Fanja.

**Oman Super League 1985-86**
**Group A**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fanja | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 7 | 12 |
| Al Aruba | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 12 | 17 | 10 |
| Dhofar | 8 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 25 | 12 | 8 |
| Al Hilal | 8 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 14 | 19 | 5 |
| Oman | 8 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 12 | 20 | 5 |

**Group B**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Al Nasr | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 19 | 2 | 12 |
| Al Ittihad | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 16 | 4 | 12 |
| Al Ahli | 8 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 9 | 7 |
| Sur | 8 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 16 | 6 |
| Sidab | 8 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 20 | 3 |

**Championship play-off**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fanja | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 5 |
| Al Ittihad | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 4 |
| Al Nasr | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| Al Aruba | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 0 |

**Division One, championship play-off (between top two teams from each section)**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sohar | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 5 |
| Seeb | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| Majis | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 3 |
| Mutrah | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 1 |

Division Two, championship play-off, between Buraimi, Sumail, Khaboura and Ibri.

Sultan Qaboos Cup Final, 1986-87: Fanja 3 Al Nasr 1, played November 16, 1986.

Super League, 1986-87: 12 teams playing home and away: the ten competitors of last season along with Sohar and Seeb.

**Oman League 1986-87**

Super League — 12 clubs playing home and away: Fanja, Al Aruba, Dhofar, Al Hilal, Oman Club, Al Nasr, Al Ittihad, Al Ahli, Sir, Sidab, Sohar and Seeb.

Division 1 — two groups of six teams playing home and away, followed by a play-off between the top two from each group.

Group One: Ruwi, Saham, Musanah, Barka, Suwaiq, Buraimi.

Group Two: Mutrah, Majis, Ibra, Al Talia, Al Wahdha, Quriyat.



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Telephone: 707885, 707739.
Telex: 3760 FOOTBALL ON.
President: Said Bin Nasser al Khusaibi.
Secretary: Ibrahim Kamber.
Number of registered clubs: 52.
Registered players: about 2,500.
Year of formation: 1978.
Admitted to FIFA: 1980.
National colours: Red shirts with white trim, white shorts, red socks.
Change colours: Green shirts with white trim, white shorts, green socks.
Principal stadiums: Sultan Qaboos Stadium, Muscat (capacity 50,000); Royal Oman Police Stadium (30,000); Bait al Falaj Stadium (8,000); Al Nasr Stadium, Salalah (8,000).
Season: October-May.

Division 2 — four groups of nine, seven, seven and four, in geographical regions, playing home and away, followed by a play-off between the top teams from each group. Group One: Birkat al Mauz, Adam, Nizwa, Yankul, Ibri, Bahla, Al Hamra, Baushar, Sumail. Group Two: Mahdha, Shinas, Liwa, Khabura, Rustaq, Al Maawil, Royal Oman Police. Group Three: Jaalan, Bidiya, Al Kamil al Wafi, Mudairib, Mudaibi, Masirah and Al Nahdha. Group Four: Khasab, Dibba, Bukha and Mudha.

**International Matches 1985**

Matches played during training camp in Brazil, August-September.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Royal (Div 2) | 1-3 | Played | 10 |
| Volta Redonda (Div 1) | 1-3 | Won | 3 |
| Petropolitano (Div 3) | 4-1 | Drawn | 1 |
| Selection Mendes (Div 3) | 2-0 | Lost | 6 |
| Selection Brasileira | 0-4 | For | 12 |
| Selection Tres Rios | 0-2 | Against | 17 |
| Angra dos Reis (Div 2) | 1-2 | | |
| Central Bara do Pirai | 1-2 | | |
| Royal (Div 2) | 2-0 | | |
| Volta Redonda (Div 1) | 0-0 | | |

Other matches

23 Oct v Simba (Tanzania) at Bait al Falaj
3-3 (Hilal Ahmed Hamoud 2, Yunus Aman, pen).

25 Oct v Simba at Bait al Falaj 6-1
(Salem Ali Mansour, Yunus Aman 4, Hilal Ahmed Hamoud).

28 Oct v Al Arabi (Kuwait) at Royal Oman Police Stadium
2-2 (Khasmis Obaid, Hilal Ahmed Hamoud).

30 Oct v Al Arabi at Royal Oman Police Stadium
2-3 (Yunus Aman, Hilal Ahmed Hamoud).

15 Nov v Tersana (Egypt) at Royal Oman Police Stadium
2-2 (Hilal Ahmed Hamoud, Yunus Aman).

17 Nov v Tersana at Al Ahli
1-2 (Said Faraj).

29 Nov v QATAR in Doha
0-3.

6 Dec v Halmstad (Sweden) at Royal Oman Police Stadium
2-7 (Saleh Musaida, Hilal Ahmed Hamoud).

8 Dec v Halmstad (Sweden) at Royal Oman Police Stadium
2-0 (Salem Ali Mansour, Hilal Ahmed Hamoud).

15 Dec v Brondby (Denmark) at Royal Oman Police Stadium
0-3.

17 Dec v Brondby (Denmark) at Royal Oman Police Stadium
1-1 (Hamtout Juman).

22 Dec v Federal Territory (Malaysia) at Bait al Falaj
3-0 (Ghulam Khamis, Hilal Ahmed Hamoud, Yunus Aman).

24 Dec v Federal Territory (Malaysia) at Royal Oman Police Stadium
1-2 (Hilal Ahmed Hamoud).

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Played | 13 | Goalscorers: | |
| Won | 3 | Hilal Ahmed Hamoud | 10 |
| Drawn | 4 | Yunus Aman | 8 |
| Lost | 6 | Salem Ali Mansour | 2 |
| For | 25 | Khamis Obaid, Said Faraj, | |
| Against | 29 | Saleh Musaida, Hamtout Juman, Ghulam Khamis | 1 |

**International Matches in 1986**

7 Jan v Ludwigshafen (West Germany) at Royal Oman Police Stadium
2-0 (Ghulam Khamis, Hamtout Juman).

9 Jan v Ludwigshafen at Al Nasr Stadium, Salalah
1-1.

27 Jan v TUNISIA at Royal Oman Police Stadium
0-0.

February-March: training camp in Brazil, nine matches in 27 days.

| | |
|---|---|
| v Flamengo (Div 1) | 1-6 |
| v Fluminense (Div 1) | 1-4 |
| v Vasco da Gama (Div 1) | 2-3 |
| v Fribrugense (Div 1) | 0-1 |
| v Volta Redonda (Div 2) | 2-1 |
| v Mesquita (Div 1) | 1-3 |
| v Portuguesa (Div 1) | 2-5 |
| v Cabofriense (Div 2) | 0-1 |
| v Central (Div 2) | 1-2 |

March-April: 8th Arabian Gulf Cup, played in Bahrain.

23 Mar v QATAR
1-2 (Hilal Ahmed Hamoud)

25 Mar v KUWAIT
0-2

28 Mar v SAUDI ARABIA
1-3 (Ghulam Khamis)

30 Mar v UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
0-1

2 Apr v BAHRAIN
0-0

6 Apr v IRAQ
2-3 (Hilal Ahmed Hamoud, Said Faraj).

Gulf Cup Record: Played 6, Drew 1, Lost 5, Goals For 4, Against 11.

8 Aug v SAUDI ARABIA in Taif
3-0 (Darwish Ahmed, Nasser Hamdan, Hilal Ahmed Hamoud).

12 Aug v BAHRAIN in Manama
3-2 (Abdullah Jumah, Hilal Ahmed Hamoud, Yunus Aman).

14 Aug v BAHRAIN in Manama
0-2

24 Aug v BAHRAIN at Royal Oman Police Stadium
1-0 (Darwish Ahmed).

26 Aug v BAHRAIN at Royal Oman Police Stadium
1-2 (Hilal Ahmed Hamoud).

September: Asian Games football tournament in Seoul, South Korea. Group A.

21 Sep v IRAQ
0-4

25 Sep v THAILAND
0-0

27 Sep v PAKISTAN
3-1 (Yunus Aman, Darwish Ahmed 2)

29 Sep v UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
0-0

Asian Games Record: Played 4, Won 1, Drew 2, Lost 1, Goals For 3, Against 5.

National record for 1986 in full internationals:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Played | 16 | Goalscorers: | |
| Won | 4 | Hilal Ahmed Hamoud | 5 |
| Drawn | 4 | Darwish Ahmed | 4 |
| Lost | 8 | Yunus Aman | 2 |
| For | 15 | Ghulam Khamis, Said Faraj, | |
| Against | 22 | Nasser Hamdan, Abdullah Jumah | 1 each |

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**GULF football has been celebrating the success of Saudi Arabia and Bahrain at youth team level, writes TONY SMITH. They both qualified from the Asian finals held in Riyadh, for the World Youth championships to be held in Chile next summer.**

For Bahrain the success was extra-special as it was the first time they have qualified for the World finals. The two teams met in the final of the tournament, with Saudi winning 2-0. But both had already qualified for Chile by then.

**THE visit of Manchester United to Bahrain may help to set up regular fixtures for the "Gulf select" side. United beat the Gulf side — specially selected for the game — 1-0. Now, football authorities want to keep the team together for more matches.**

Following the visits of United, Liverpool and Celtic to the Gulf recently, West German champions Bayern Munich have announced they will be making a tour of the region.

They will play matches in Bahrain, Dubai and Abu Dhabi, but the main purpose of the trip is to prepare for the second half of the West German season, which resumes on February 22 after the first-ever mid-season break.

"The Gulf is an ideal area to use for training at this time of the year," said manager Uli Hoenness, who visited all the countries to set up the tour.

**QATAR will go against the trend by allowing foreign players back in next season.**

All the Gulf countries have gradually switched to a policy of banning foreign players, including Qatar three years ago. Bahrain were the last to follow — this is the last season in which foreign players are allowed. Clubs in Qatar agreed to continue the ban this season, but to open up again to foreigners in the future.

It's a long way since a Saudi team paid $1m for Brazilian Roberto Rivellino in the mid-70s.

**THE Iraqi Football Association (IFA) has reappointed former national team coach Ammu Baba, who was sacked two years ago.**

The decision was taken with preparations for the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games, an IFA spokesman said.

Baba managed the Iraqi side to several important triumphs, including the Asian championship in 1982, but was sacked after the disastrous performance of the team at the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles. Since then, the IFA have used Brazilian coaches. In a shock move before last summer's World Cup finals in Mexico they sacked chief coach Edu and replaced him with Evaristo Macedo, on loan from Qatar. But he was blamed for their poor showing in Mexico.

## The BRIAN GLANVILLE column

# HOOLIGANS . . . ALL SIT DOWN!

**THE latest fatuity to reach us from FIFA bears the stamp of Bladder rather than Heavylunge, though Guido Tognoni, the PRO, has told us that Heavylunge would certainly agree with it.**

No doubt he does. When it comes to getting the wrong end of the stick, to showing an astonishingly blunted sensibility where the true nature of football is concerned. Heavylunge yields to no man. Not even to Bladder.

Bladder — I plead guilty to borrowing the mispronunciation of a benighted American journalist at a Press Conference last year in Mexico — has decreed that fans shall have seats, and that seats will take the sting out of football hooliganism. God knows where he has been in his years of office as FIFA secretary; or where he hasn't been.

Certainly no one seems to have told him about the European Cup Final of 1975 in Paris, where the Leeds United supporters, enraged by the refusal of a penalty clearly given away by Franz Beckenbauer and a goal shot, if I recall rightly, by Peter Lorimer, tore up their seats and bombarded the tracksuited policemen on the pitch.

The Leeds fans set a fashion. Often in the intervening years have British fans torn up seats and used them to pelt the police or rival supporters. The idiocy of the ideas has already been pointed out by our own FA, showing a pleasing refusal to be dragooned by the autocrats of Zurich.

The same, you will of course remember, who knocked on the head the splendid professional foul rule so enterprisingly formulated by the Football League.

Bladder had this to say, if you were lucky enough to miss it at the time: "We are fully convinced that aggressive behaviour and the resulting disturbances are rarely encountered in the seated sectors. It is clear that there is greater potential for violence in the open, tightly packed, terraces."

If the egregious fellow would use an ounce of good sense, he might stumble on the fact that, by and large, seats tend to be occupied by the better-off and, consequently, less violent. Not always, by any means.

At Chelsea, for example, a large number of seats in the East Stand are occupied by rowdy, foul-mouthed young toughs, who disgust decent fans, some of whom I know have ceased to go to Stamford Bridge.

Bladders says that FIFA's intention is to play the World Cup, from 1994 onwards, only in stadia where everyone is seated. There is lip service to the comfort of spectators, though the fact is that many, and not necessarily violent ones, actually prefer to stand.

"We want to change the mentality of people who go to football matches," said someone called Chantal Jourdan, of the 1990 World Cup committee. "To stop the idea that going to a match is a question of violence."

Well, how would that stop it, you deluded fellow? Why should a hooligan who goes to a match bent on violence be any more peaceful because he has to sit down, rather than stand up, as a condition of entry?

Hans Bangerter, the secretary of UEFA, put his twopenceworth in, too. "Disturbances in stadia invariably originate in the standing-room areas and we would like to see seating accommodation increased, but this is something for the future."

Bang Bang Bangerter was surely at that notorious Leeds v Bayern game in Paris, so what excuse has *he* got for making such a plainly fallacious statement? Oh, well, I suppose we get the rulers we deserve.

FIFA and UEFA march on into an increasingly unprepossessing future. Though, come to think of it, the present isn't exactly what the Cockneys would call all that.

Speaking of Cockneys, and speaking of rather more agreeable subjects, I was delighted by the ovation the North Bank gave the old heroes of Arsenal when they were trotted out at half-time in the Arsenal-Southampton game at Highbury, a couple of days after the club's actual centenary.

### Clashed

From Dial Square, in the Woolwich Arsenal, which gave the Gunners their original name, to the stadium originally built in 1913 on the grounds of the St John's College of Divinity, and the two fine stands the Gunners so shrewdly put up in 1932 (West) and 1936 (East).

We saw Ted Drake, who as a storming centre-forward who came to Arsenal from Southampton themselves, scored 42 goals in a single Championship season. He also played for England on this very ground when, in November 1934, no fewer than seven Arsenal men took part in the renowned Battle of Highbury.

And it all began when Drake, after a mere 90 seconds, clashed with the late Luis Monti, Italy's thuggish Argentine centre-half, and broke a bone in Monti's foot. The whole Italian team thought it had been done deliberately, which I take leave to doubt.

Drake would hardly be aware of Monti's fearsome reputation, even if it spanned two continents, and it was a bit early in the game for vendetta. But the Italians spent the rest of it taking their "revenge", including a smashed nose for Eddie Hapgood, the chivalrous England left-back, elbowed in the face by an Italian at a throw-in. A man who laughed in his face that evening at the banquet.

George Male was among those present at Highbury on December 27, too. He, too, was in the England side against Italy; at right-back. He too has a painful tale to tell about playing against Italy, though in his case it was less a deliberate piece of violence, as Male has always emphasised to me, as the unhappy consequence of a piece of chicanery. Shades of Diego Maradona and the Hand of God.

Five years after the Battle of Highbury, England were playing Italy in Milan. Silvio Piola, the excellent Italian centre-forward, punched a cross, over his shoulder, beating Woodley, the England goalkeeper, and following through to catch poor George Male in the eye. The goal stood; Dr. Pecos Bauwens, the German referee, allowed it, as the North African referee did in Mexico last summer.

Much was written at the time of the centenary of Herbert Chapman, a manager vastly in advance of his era, who would surely have flourished even in today's vastly changed times, though George Male once said to me, when we were talking about Chapman's somewhat authoritarian, or should one say paternalist, methods, that a contemporary player — and this was in the 1960s — might say, "Well, I'm not staying here for that."

Male himself owed much to Chapman. He came to Arsenal as an amateur left-half with Clapton. Chapman needed a new right-back, the veteran skipper Tom Parker — signed, like Drake, from Southampton — having passed his meridian.

The obvious choice was big Leslie Compton, who in 1932, the year George Male played left-half in the Cup Final, had just arrived from the Hampstead club; now Hendon. But Chapman apparently thought Compton too slow.

Astonishingly, it was not till late 1946 that he gained a regular place in the League side, though his form in the latter 1930s was such that he played in a couple of international trials. At all events, Chapman talked to Male so convincingly that Male would later say he emerged from his office believing not only that he would be a right-back, but the best right-back in the world.

He went on to win 19 full caps for England, not to mention League and Cup honours, and actually reverted to his old position of left-half during the war, when he served with the RAF.

THE EVIDENCE . . . seats used as missiles make up the debris after the notorious night of violence sparked by Millwall fans at Luton two years ago.

**Practical psychology was one of Chapman's greatest strengths; as it was that of his friend Vittorio Pozzo, who brought the Italian World Cup-winning team to Highbury on that ill-augured day.**

I always used to think it was the *forte* of Pozzo's successor as Italian manager and World Cup winner, Enzo Bearzot, but now I am beginning to wonder.

Bearzot's strange recent statements on Italian television are the harder to understand when you think of what he achieved with his team in the World Cups of 1978 and 1982. In 1978 he took what seemed a shattered side to Buenos Aires but, out at the Hindu Club, created an atmosphere so positive and healing that his players found new vigour and morale, beating Argentina, and falling late in the tournament to Holland, ultimately taking fourth place.

In Spain four years later, Bearzot had again to pick up the pieces of what seemed a demoralised side, one which struggled and squeezed through the early stages of the competition, with subsequent cries of "fix" in the drawn game with the Cameroons. Italy rose from the ashes of Galicia to win the World Cup.

But on television, Bearzot had this to say: "I still don't understand the cause of our failure. With hindsight, I would have taken Oriali with me. Certainly it is absurd that it should have been up to me, after every game, to calm the team down. There should have been people there ready to do that job. I often asked the doctors what was going wrong. The response was always the same: there are problems of a psychological nature. And I unfortunately am a football manager, not Freud."

A bombshell. Was one utterly wrong then about Italy in 1978 and in 1982? I simply do not think so. I had no contact with the Italian team during the 1982 World Cup, spending most of my time, alas, with the England groups, but I was close to the team in 1978.

I made a number of visits to the Hindu Club and had numerous conversations with Marco Tardelli, in particular, telling me how the benign regime at the Hindu Club had given him a new "tranquillity". Of all the players, his sudden change of form, from the seemingly exhausted to the vigorously effective, was perhaps the most remarkable.

So has Bearzot forgotten what happened in 1978 and 1982; is he in some strangely negative and personally self-deprecating sense rewriting history?

Although we now have a new breed of so-called "sports psychologists" battening on the game, I believe that there has never yet been a greater football manager who has not owed much to psychological flair. Chapman had it, as we know. In his very different way, Brian Clough has it, too. I do not find Clough a sympathetic figure, but credit where credit is due.

Talk to any of his past or present players, Tony Woodcock, Peter Shilton and Trevor Francis among them, and they will all eulogise him and his methods. Besides, results surely speak for themselves; he has worked wonders at both Derby and Nottingham.

Only for that short, unhappy spell at Brighton did he seem to lose his way, and quite demoralise a team of admittedly modest players. It would be interesting to see a comprehensive analysis of just what went wrong down there — leading to the fiasco of giving away eight goals in a single home game, if I remember correctly — and just why.

Valeri Lobanovski of Dynamo Kiev, also manager of the Soviet international team, is clearly a practical psychologist of high order; one assumes and hopes though that he does not subscribe to the doubtful school of his fellow Russian (my apologies, fellow Soviet citizens; Lobanovski is from the Ukraine) Pavlov. That he does not, that is to say, favour the practice of subjecting his subjects to alternating stimuli.

Whether Dynamo Kiev and the national team will blow up again this season under the colossal pressure of fixtures remains to be seen, but to have done as remarkably well with them as he has testifies to Lobanovski's talents. He is no autocrat. "The time of absolute power and authoritarian decision seems to me to have passed," he says. He can renew his ideas, in his own words, and act more effectively surrounding himself with a small platoon of colleagues and advisers.

As for what is sometimes so repugnatly called, in modern jargon, "man management," Lobanovski has this to say: "I am inspired equally by scientific ideas, which enable me to play the training, or philosophical ideas, to organise the community of which I have charge. Every manager in the world says that the most difficult thing is the management of men. They are right, but do they know that the reading of philosophical works can help us?"

I know that Dave Sexton was much given to reading authors such as Teilhard de Chardin, the Catholic mystic, in his managerial days with Chelsea and Manchester United, though oddly enough this immensely decent, likeable fellow never seemed really to put himself across to his players at senior — as opposed to youth and Under 21 — levels. It was his clash with those two gifted but difficult customers Peter Osgood and Alan Hudson — plus the disaster of the East Stand — which brought things shuddering to a halt at Chelsea.

Quite what a coach or manager does when one of his players hits him in the face, causes him to have five stitches, and then, far from being suspended, figures in the League team within a couple of weeks, I am not quite sure.

## SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA

# AMERICA CUP DATES

**THE South American (Nations) Championship, for the America Cup, will be played in Argentina from June 27 to July 12, thus returning to its former format wherby all matches will be played in one country.**

But while formerly all participants played each other in league play this would not be too lengthy with 10 countries due to participate.

Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay are seeded in three groups of three with current champions Uruguay having a bye into the semi-finals for which the three group winners qualify. Drug tests will be introduced in the tournament for the first time and the schedule is as follows:

**Group A (in Buenos Aires)** — June 27: Argentina v Peru; July 2: Argentina v Ecuador; July 4: Peru v Ecuador.

**Group B (in Córdoba):** June 28: Brazil v Venezuela; June 30: Chile v Venezuela; July 3: Brazil v Chile.

**Group C (in Rosario)** — June 28: Paraguay v Bolivia; July 1: Boliva v Colombia; July 5: Colombia v Paraguay.

**Semi-finals (in Buenos Aires)** — July 8: Uruguay v group A winner; July 9: Group B v C winners. Third place play-off on July 11 and final on July 12.

**ARGENTINA won the soccer tournament of the South American Games held in Chile in November which qualified five teams for the Panamerican Games soccer tournament in Indianapolis later this year.**

Like the Olympic Games, this tournament was open to all professionals who had not represented their country in World Cup Games and Argentina took a team of experienced first division players under assistant national team coach Carlos Pachame from which, it is hoped many players will emerge to defend the World Cup in 1990.

Included in the squad was Hugo Maradona, Diego's younger brother who had already played for Argentina at junior international level.

Hugo is not yet a first division regular with Argentinos Juniors — the same club Diego started with — and he did not get a game.

Argentina, however, only qualifed for the semi-finals and a place in Indianapolis on a goal difference of one over Uruguay in second place in their group behind Colombia.

The other semi-finalists and Panamerican Games qualifiers were Brazil and Chile — who were third and fourth respectively, while Argentina beat Colombia 2-0 in the final.

Paraguay gained the fifth place for Indianapolis by beating Ecuador on penalties. (See "Classified Results" for full details.)

**THE South American qualifying tournament for next year's Olympic Games soccer competition will take place in Bolivia from April 18 to May 3.**

Group A, composed of Chile, Colombia, Brazil, Uruguay and Paraguay, will play in Santa Cruz and group B, composed of Bolivia, Venezuela, Argentina, Ecuador and Peru, will play in Cochabamba.

Semi-finals, third place play-off and final will be played in La Paz with the two finalists qualifying for the Olympic Games in Seoul in 1988.

Eligibility of players is the same as that for the Olympic Games with only those who have represented their countries in World Cup games being barred and the schedule is as follows:

**Group A:** April 18 — Chile v Colombia, Brazil v Paraguay; April 20 — Chile v Uruguay, Brazil v Colombia; April 22 — Chile v Ecuador, Uruguay v Colombia; April 24 — Paraguay v Colombia, Brazil v Uruguay; April 26 — Brazil v Chile, Uruguay v Peru.

**Group B:** April 19 — Peru v Argentina, Bolivia v Venezuela; April 21 — Ecuador v Argentina, Bolivia v Peru; April 23 — Peru v Ecuador, Venezuela v Argentina; April 25 — Venezuela v Peru, Ecuador v Bolivia; April 27 — Ecuador v Venezuela, Bolivia v Argentina.

**Semi-finals** on April 29 and May 1

**Final** and **third place play-off,** May 3

**ARGENTINE players running around the stadium in Santiago (Chile) after winning the South American Games soccer tournament in a 2-0 final victory over Colombia. From left to right: Oscar Acosta, José Fantaguzzi, Fabian Basualdo, Victor Marchesini and Bias Guinta.**

# Argentine Juniors beat Defence Force

from ERIC WEIL

**THE Inter-American Cup, a trophy instituted to be played for annually by the winners of the South American (Libertadores Cup) and CONCACAF champion clubs tournaments, was brought out of mothballs again at the end of last year to be played for between the respective champions of 1985 with Argentinos Juniors of Argentina beating Defence Force of Trinidad-Tobago 1-0 in Port-of-Spain.**

Unfortunately the Inter-American Cup, first played for in 1969 when Estudiantes de La Plata of Argentina were the winners, never became a regular event as on numerous occasions the clubs qualified to play for it did not have sufficient interest to arrange dates, this trophy not being run officially by any federation.

It has thus only been played for on nine occasions — this time only in one match in Central America (where there is more interest in it) instead of home and away legs as at the beginning, because the lengthy travelling involved did not make it worth it.

Other winners were Nacional of Uruguay in 1972, Independiente of Argentina in 1973, 1974 and 1976, America of Mexico in 1978 and Universidad Autonoma de Mexico in 1980 . . . and it had not been played for since then.

This time, playing in front of 30,000 spectators, Argentinos Juniors showed better soccer and team work, scoring the only goal through Dely Valdez — usually a reserve and the only Panamañian playing in Argentine soccer — while in the second half they seemed to be content in hanging on to their lead by keeping more possession of the ball.

## Early birds. . .

**A 16-player national team squad, including most of the players who played for Mexico in the last World Cup, began training for the next World Cup in mid-December under Mario Velarde.**

He was assistant to Mexico's Yugoslav national coach, Belibor Milutinovic, during the last World Cup and took over when the latter refused to renew his contract with the Mexican FA.

Velarde is assisted by Mexican compatriot, Guillermo Vazquez, goalkeeper coach Miguel Marin, an Argentine the latter part of whose career was spent in Mexican soccer, and Polish physical training instructor Edmundo Portzewoski.

The squad is training regularly during the week and an international match was being fixed against El Salvador to be played in Los Angeles in January.

## Guadalajara unbeaten for 13 games

**GUADALAJARA top the Mexican first division with the best record of 11 wins, five draws and two defeats after having gone unbeaten through their last 13 matches.**

**VETERAN Boca Juniors (Argentina) goalkeeper Hugo Gatti heads away a centre from a Newell's Old Boys player during a national championship game.**

Thirteen was almost their unlucky number as they met local rivals, Universidad de Guadalajara whom they beat 1-0 after overcoming a lot of pressure.

Guadalajara also have the first division's leading marksman, Eduardo De la Torre with 12 goals, while Brazilian Jose Carlos Alves (America) And Uruguayan Jose Luis Salazar (Univ. de Guadalajara) have 11.

## Olimpia again in Honduras

**OLIMPIA, under Chilean coach Nestor Matamala, won the Honduras first division championship for the eighth time out of 20 professional tournaments played so far.**

Olimpia, from Tegucigalpa, won a four-team final round by one point from España, taking 10 points out of a possible 12 and Costa Rica player Johnny Williams being the star during that round by scoring three vital goals.

## Aurora wins in Guatemala

**AURORA, the military club's team commonly referred to as "Los Militares", won the Guatemala first division for the seventh time by beating second-placed Galcasa 3-1 with two games to go and opening up a five-point lead.**

Coached by one of their former players, Jorge "Grillo" Roldan, their goalkeeper, Ricardo Jerez also set up a Guatemala record by not letting through any goals for 707 minutes of league play.

Defending champions Comunicaciones finished fourth after letting several of their leading players go and replacing them by youngsters in an effort to renew the team which seemed to have brought fairly good results in this tournament which also showed an upsurge in gates.

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*ZICO, another Brazilian international, revealed on TV recently that he cheated with an anti-drug sample when he played for Udinense in the Italian league in 1983. After one match — he did not reveal which — he was chosen to give a urine sample, but just could not. He was made to wait and as his little son, Bruno, was with him at the time he helped his father get over the problem at a moment when nobody was looking. Zico told this story to illustrate how poor control was over dope tests after soccer matches in Italy . . . as is also the case in Brazil where, he said, it is very common for one player to help out another, even a rival.*

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*WALTER CASAGRANDE, the Brazilian World Cup (1986) striker, who is 23, has been transferred by Corinthians to Porto (Lisbon) for a million dollars.*

*FORMER Brazilian manager Tele Santana has accepted an offer to return to Saudi Arabia to coach the top Al Ahli club, writes TONY SMITH.*

*Santana, 55, left the Gulf last year to take charge of the Brazilian team for the World Cup finals in Mexico after repeated attempts to get him.*

*Santana said he had received a lucrative offer through a Saudi Prince connected with the club to work there for three months, starting in January.*

*Meanwhile, one of the men tipped to take over Santana's "temporary" post as Brazilian team manager has stated he is "not interested" in the job. Carlos Alberto Parreira, who previously took on the job in 1983 after five years in charge of the Kuwait national team, is now coach to the United Arab Emirates. His contract with the UAE finishes in May, but he has not decided whether to stay on.*

*The UAE federation recently strongly denied reports that they had tried to sign up another Brazilian Jose Faria — Morocco's coach in Mexico last year — to replace Carlos Alberto.*

*Faria, told a local newspaper in Rabat that the UAE had offered him $17,000 a month salary plus a bonus siging on fee of $70,000.*

*But football observers believe it was just a ploy to improve his terms before he negotiated a new contract with Morocco.*

*Carlos Alberto said: "This sort of thing happens everywhere in football. I am happy with my family in the UAE, everything is good. "I have no idea what I am going to do when my contract finishes." He took a two-year contract in the UAE starting in June 1984 and later renewed for a further 12 months. Talking about the Brazil job and his time as national coach he said: "I felt the pressure was so great that when my contract ended I asked for too much money so that it would not be renewed.*

*"Anyone who is signed by Brazil will not reach the next World Cup finals. The team can lose on the way and people in Brazil are not prepared to lose games."*

## SOUTH AMERICA

# Brazilian holiday

### from Eric Weil

**THE Brazilian national championship went into a 40-day mid-summer break in December — the players must have this holiday by law — with still two games to go in its second stage.**

The tournament was to have finished on December 22, but there was a delay when problems arose over which teams were to qualify for the second stage (see last month's *World Soccer*) and then it was lengthened when four more teams than scheduled were put into the second stage . . . all because Vasco da Gama failed to qualify on the field, but had the pull to qualify via the FA's committee which is repeatedly being accused of shady politics.

And it may happen again. In this second stage with 36 clubs in four groups, the top four in each group advance to the third stage while the bottom two go into next year's second division of the tournament which will be reduced in size.

Such traditionally leading clubs as Flamengo, Fluminense, Palmeiras, Corinthians, Atletico Mineiro, Internacional Porto Alegre, Cruzeiro and Sao Paulo have already qualified for the third stage, but Botafogo and last year's vice-champions, Bangu are destined for the second division.

But they are influential Rio clubs and soccer commentators feel sure that the Brazilian FA will think up some political ploy to keep them in the top division.

These internal problems are also being blamed for the poor soccer being served up in league matches, some recent classics being a good reflection.

Rio's Fluminense and Flamengo played in front of 94,000 fans with "Flu" winning 1-0 in a poor match. For "Fla" another blow was their young star Bebeto's broken arm which will put him out of soccer for two months, according to club doctors.

Santos is also doing badly and finding it difficult to score goals. Their 0-0 draw with Botafogo was a sad reflection on the soccer these two teams used to play when Pele lined up for Santos and Garrincha for Botafogo.

Botafogo's new star, Josimar, is now earning ten times as much with the club than before he stood out in Brazil's World Cup team in Mexico last year, but his new wealth does not seem to have done him much good (see *"Men in the News"*) and he was recently left out of the team following problems he had with the police.

Sao Paulo clubs are doing best at the moment. Two of them — Palmeiras and Sao Paulo FC — are leading group I, another, Guarani, leads Fluminense by a point at the top of group J, Portuguesa tops group K and Corinthians trails Atletico Mineiro by a point in group L after beating the latter 1-0 away to end their 18-match unbeaten run.

**URUGUAY: Not only in Brazil do they arrange league standings off the field!**

With two games to go in the Uruguayan first division, Nacional lead traditional rivals Peñarol by five points . . . but they are not really champions yet.

Earlier in the season, Nacional and Peñarol withdrew from the championship in disagreement over financial arrangements and one round was played without them.

Nacional had a bye, but Peñarol had a game and lost the points so that it was agreed between them the two clubs that if Nacional finished the tournament on top with no more than a two-point lead over Peñarol the two clubs would play off for the title.

Nacional had gone the first 19 of the first division's 24 matches unbeaten before losing 2-1 to Cerro. The latter's winner came from what many thought was a doubtful penalty, but nobody complained about the fairness of the final result.

Nacional had been finding recent matches hard going without their veteran star, Ramón Carrasco who was suspended for seven games for insulting a referee but was still joint top scorer on nine goals with team mate Mauricio Silvera at press time. Nacional will have Carrasco back for their remaining two games.

Carrasco, who left Nacional years ago to play in Argentina for River Plate without too much success and then in several Uruguayan clubs, has found a new lease of life on his return to his old club this season.

**ARGENTINA: Racing Club of Avellaneda, who change coaches almost as often as playing jerseys, dismissed one former player, Rogelio Dominguez, and engaged another, Alfio Basile . . . for the second time as he had also been their coach before after having played in the Club's last great team which beat Glasgow Celtic for the Intercontinental Cup in 1967.**

Racing are back in the top division after a short stay in the first division B and although they have managed to stay in the middle of the table, their fans want success all the time.

At least Basile started off alright with a 2-1 win over top team Newell's Old Boys on the latter's ground in Rosario where there was quite a bit of crowd trouble as there continues to be in Argentine soccer week after week.

Newell's still top the table by a point from Independiente and San Lorenzo however as this championship was also about to go into a one-month mid-summer recess.

The Estudiantes de La Plata-Boca Juniors clash was suspended under curious circumstances after 40 minutes with Boca leading by an own-goal apparently helped in by goalkeeper Bertero.

Home fans blamed the goalkeeper in no uncertain tones and Bertero conducted their chorus of disapproval. This really got the fans mad and they attempted to invade the field to get at him.

Defending champions River Plate who at press-time had just won the Intercontinental Cup in Tokyo, continued in the bottom half of the table, but, as mentioned before, they have been playing reserve teams in league matches continuously while winning the Libertadores Cup and now the trophy in Japan.

It is supposed that after the break they will put their strongest team back into the championship to try and retain their titles. They trail the leaders by eight points with still 15 games to go, but they also have a game in hand so it is not impossible.

**COLOMBIA: America de Cali, with their strikers Ricardo Gareca (a former Argentine international) and Roberto Cabanas (who played for Paraguay in the last World Cup) scoring most of the goals, were on the point of winning the professional league championship for the fifth year running with Cali rivals, Deportivo, being the only other candidates.**

America topped the eight-man final round with two games to go — 1.75 points ahead of Deportivo. Bonus points earned by teams for finishing in leading positions of the tournament's two previous stages are taken into the final round and America have one to Deportivo's 0.25 which helps.

America beat Millionarios of Bogotá 1-0 in their last match before press-time with Cabanas scoring the goal after 10 minutes play and the teams lined up as follows:

**America:** Falcioni, Valencia, Aporte, Espinoza, Porras, Sarmiento, Ischia, Herrer, Ortiz, Gareca, Cabanas.

**Millionarios:** Basigalup, Gutierrez, Gil, Prince, Garcia, Peluffo, Karabin, Pimentel, Diaz, Cordoba, Juarez.

Referees made the headlines however.

Chilean referee Gastón Castro, engaged by the Colombian league to officiate at final round matches, was threatened with death by a couple of men in his hotel — they put a revolver to his chest — if he did not make home team Nacional (Medellin) beat America.

He did not turn up to control the match and returned to Chile. Nacional is one of the clubs accused by the government of being run by drug traffickers and its former president, Hernan Botero Moreno, has been in jail in the United States for a year for drug smuggling.

Two Argentine referees meanwhile, who had been engaged by the league, were refused work permits by the immigration authorities "because there were Colombian referees to do the job" — a decision greatly applauded by Colombia's referees.

**PERU: Popular Alianza Lima, coached by Brazilian Waldir Pereira "Didi" who virtually became a national hero in Peru when he took the country's national team to their best ever performance in the 1970 World Cup, is finally putting up the performances expected by their fans in the de-centralised championship — the second of the season's tournaments.**

They top group A at the half-way stage with only one point dropped in five games and they are also easily the highest scorers with 15 goals. But the sensation are Sport Boys, the only other unbeaten team, who top group C with a line-up of junior players.

Group B is headed by Deportivo Municipal, a point ahead of Colegio San Agustin who have already qualified for the next Libertadores Cup by winning a previous tournament. San Agustin have also hit the headlines by signing Venezuela's international goalkeeper, Vicente Vega, from Caracas club, Italia.

Bernardo Anor, another international, became the first Venezuelan player to be signed by a foreign club recently — by Destroyers of Bolivia and now Peru's Universitario is interested in him.

**BOLIVIA: Bolivian clubs, seeing their gates dropping, are allowing wives and children to accompany their fans free of charge during the second tournament of the season now in progress with the 15 professional clubs split in two groups.**

The top four of each group qualify for a final round. The Strongest, of La Paz, won the first tournament and lead group A of the second stage by two points. If they win this second tournament too they will automatically become champions. Otherwise they play off with the winners.

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## ENGLISH REVIEW

# Don't talk of the title

BY DERICK ALLSOP

**ARSENAL and Everton breezed into the New Year first and second in the English League Championship ... but neither would entertain title talk.**

George Graham's side beat Tottenham 2-1 in the 100th North London derby at White Hart Lane to maintain a four-point advantage over Howard Kendall's team. Behind them was a five-point gap to Liverpool, and then came a group of clubs, including Spurs, still with a chance of mounting a menacing challenge.

Recent form, though, suggests Arsenal and Everton have the quality and character to sustain their progress to what promises to be a captivating last lap of the season.

Spurs will long claim they were unlucky not to salvage at least a point from that Sunday afternoon clash, and yet the television cameras captured a significant feature of the Arsenal game. For all Spurs' pressure in the second half, their neighbours remained solid and organised. Goal-line clearances are all in a day's work for this defence.

Arsenal started full of confidence and style. Tony Adams gave them an early lead and Paul Davis drilled a way through the Tottenham wall to make it two. But on the stroke of half-time Mitchell Thomas completed Glenn Hoddle's fine approach work to trigger a passionate revival. That was when Arsenal had to demonstrate their tenacity and they were not found wanting.

The ability to win matches in such circumstances is the stuff champions are made of, and it stretched Arsenal's unbeaten run to 19 matches. Everton were something less than their inspired best at Queen's Park Rangers the previous day but achieved their objective. Despite their publicly declared dislike of the plastic pitch they were professional and determined enough to handle the job and take the three points. Graeme Sharp danced through to score the only goal of the game.

Still, though, the managers of Everton and Arsenal were coy when it came to discussing Championship prospects. Graham, in fact, attempted to deflect all attention and tipped Everton for the crown.

As Everton gained momentum over the busy holiday period the bookmakers agreed with Graham. Kendall responded by saying: "Arsenal should be favourites. We are four points behind Arsenal and George must be delighted we have been made favourites. He has taken the pressure off himself and his players all season and this continues to keep the pressure off.

"Obviously to be favourites is a compliment to the way we have played in recent matches but the fact is we are still four points behind the leaders. They have been the most consistent side so far this season so they are entitled to be favourites. We have only just entered the second half of the season but it is Arsenal who have shown themselves to be the most durable side so far."

Kendall added: "My players should be very confident. They should be looking forward to games the way they are playing. The only thing is that I don't want any talk of the Championship — and that is something I have been reading from certain players in recent days. Last season Manchester United were virtually home and dry after 10 matches the way people were talking. There's no way we are going overboard here."

Whatever the psychological approach of these two bosses there seems little doubt both have Championship potential under their charge. Arsenal have Charlie Nicholas back now, and Everton have eased in Peter Reid again. But another, less likely name has figured in the title equasion.

Everton manager Howard Kendall.

Paul Power was signed by Kendall in the summer as cover for the left side of his defence and midfield. After the long years with Manchester City it was, for 33-year-old Power, the chance to take on a fresh challenge in the autumn of his career.

It is a challenge he has grasped by the throat. Injuries have given Power a regular role in the side, first at left-back and then left side midfield, and he has performed splendidly, chipping in with some vital goals. Power has proved there is life in those hard-worked legs yet, and Kendall that the £65,000 signing was a bargain.

Thee have been heftier transfer fees paid out in recent weeks, and Spurs have been at the centre of some of the major trading. They sold rugged central defender Graham Roberts to Graeme Souness' Rangers for £450,000, then spent £650,000 on Aston Villa's England midfield player Steve Hodge.

Villa manager Billy McNeill said: "I wanted Hodge to stay but I could not dislodge him from his intention to leave. He felt it was the right thing for him in order to maintain his England place and I have felt for some time that I was not getting everything Hodge had to give. When Spurs made their offer I felt I had no option but to let him go. In our position I need committed players at the club."

That rebuke for Hodge was somehow in keeping with the mood of the closing exchanges of 1986. The football of Arsenal and Everton could not obscure the ugly side of the English game.

On December 13 we had 11 players and a coach dismissed, and throughout the month we had slanging matches between players in the popular press, plus the inevitable stories of hooliganism. Four playes were sent off in the Second Division match between Sheffield United and Portsmouth. Promotion-chasing Portsmouth, managed by England World Cup veteran Alan Ball, had three of them ordered to the dressing room.

An angry Ball took no action against his players, but Hull player-manager Brian Horton, sent off at Crystal Palace, decided to fine himself for his offence.

He said: "I'm disgusted with myself for my actions. I let down the team and shall be fining myself 50 per cent of a week's wages."

Arsenal coach Theo Foley was effectively sent off at Norwich for coaching from the touchline after a warning.

FA secretary Ted Croker promised a full inquiry into the incidents at the Sheffield United-Portsmouth clash. He said: "There has to be an investigation. We will study the referee's report very carefully and ask the clubs for their comments. We will also try to obtain an independent judgment, apart from the referee's."

The source of many a juicy column inch was Southampton. We had Mark Dennis (sent off 10 times, now cleaning up his image!) revealing a punch-up with England goalkeeper and team-mate Peter Shilton, England central defender Mark Wright demanding a move and then manager Chris Nichol complaining about the "mole" at the Dell.

Nichol said: "Someone is clearly out to spoil and harm our preparations for matches. I'm totally fed up and unhappy about the entire situation. And the board shares my concern. There is somebody wanting to undermine this football club, someone who was very close to the club. I have my strong suspicions as to who that man is.

"There is no doubt in my mind that Mark Wright has been got at. He was given a very good new contract by this club and only a month ago we helped him to organise his move to a new house and he is to be married in the summer.

"Just a couple of weeks ago everything was stable. We have gone four games without defeat and Mark Dennis was playing as well as he has ever played for the club. He'd barely been in trouble with referees but then something triggered off the series of stories about an incident three years ago and the publicity that generated has done so much harm to him and the club.

"We have had articles written in reply to articles. Peter Shilton has been brought into the situation and it has all become quite distressing."

### Local police

Non-League Telford were equally distressed about losing home advantage for their third round FA Cup tie against Leeds United, but bowed to the inevitable and claimed: "It's a victory for the hooligans."

The Shropshire side had hoped to ban Leeds' notorious fans from their 10,000-capacity stadium and show the match live on giant screens at Elland Road. But local police were concerned that some Leeds supporters might try to beat the ban. Leeds offered to stage the match but Telford asked the FA to fine a venue for them. They decided on the West Bromwich Albion ground.

Non-League football suffered a fatal consequence of hooliganism. Scarborough chairman Barry Adamson had a heart attack and died trying to help a policeman combat louts at the match against Morecambe. Six fans were charged with making an affray.

There were, however, attempts to improve the image of the game. Liverpool and Manchester United, alarmed by the growing hostility between their followers, worked out a peace plan before their Boxing Day match on Merseyside. That included a ride into Anfield on the United team coach for former Liverpool boss Bob Paisley. Bobby Charlton is likely to arrive at Old Trafford with the Liverpool team when they meet again at Easter.

The Football League called up three well known individuals to brighten up the game. Ron Greenwood, Bertie Mee and Jimmy Hill will discuss with managers and players ways of ensuring attractive, flowing football.

But one campaign launched with good intentions has won no support from Mr Brian Clough, manager of Nottingham Forest. Of the membership card scheme favoured by the Prime Minister and others, Clough said: "It will ring the death knell of our game if all clubs are forced to adopt such a scheme. It is utterly impractical, totally unworkable . . . so wrong, it's untrue."



# Information Desk

**ONCE Christmas is out of the way there is a lull in new publications — for obvious reasons.**

There were some late-comers into the office however which may still be found on the bookshelves.

One such is **Kerry: The Autobiography** from Chelsea centre-forward Kerry Dixon (Queen Anne Press, Gtr London Hse, Hampstead Rd, London NW1 7QX; price £8.95). This is, basically, yet another Mexico World Cup diary supported by the usual career review in 'normal' book format.

The problem about the book is that while it will naturally appeal to Dixon's Chelsea fans, its wider appeal is limited because he was kept on the World Cup sidelines and thus tells the Mexico story more as an onlooker than as a participant.

Not that the publishers could have been certain how Dixon's World Cup would work out when they commissioned the book. But this represents yet another volume which, for commercial reasons, has really been put together too early in the player's career.

There ought to be some sort of clause in players' contracts, perhaps, prohibiting autobiographies, until they are at least 28 or 29 and are old enough to have some major achievements to look back on!

As we have noted before, the guaranteed sellers now are those books concentrating on clues — though even here there may now be a danger of the market in some clubs being swamped.

Everton are a case in point. We reviewed here recently the **Howard Kendall Everton Scrapbook** (Souvenir Press, 43 Gt Russell St, London WC1B 3PA; price £8.95) and now that has been followed by **Everton** (Hamlyn, Bridge Hse, London Rd. Twickenham, Middx; price £5.95). Written by Matthew Graham, this is a well-illustrated, concise club history with special reference to the 1984-85 season and chapters on famous players and famous matches.

Given the price of sports books now this appears good value for money though when it comes to Goodison statistics you won't beat **Everton: A Complete Record 1878-1985** edited by Ian Ross and Gordon Smailes (Breedon Books, 44 Friar Gate, Derby DE1 1DA; price £13.95).

Still on the club theme is **Manchester United** by Tom Tyrrell (Hamlyn, address above; price £5.95). This is a 1986 updated version of the book reviewed here before and similar in style and content to the Hamlyn Everton book. Ideal for those who want a book about United without going to major expense.

On the subject of updated books we also have **Only a Game: The Diary of a Professional Footballer,** by Eamon Dunphy and Peter Ball (Viking, Harmondsworth, Middx; price £8.95). This was originally published a decade ago but even with some minimal updating it makes an enjoyable read and the insights into the world of the professional footballer are still as relevant today as they were in 1976.

Back to the club theme with **West Ham United: The Making of a Football Club** by Charles Korr (Duckworth, The Old Piano Factory, 43 Gloucester Crescent, London NW1 — a book from an American outsider which has been extensively reviewed in the pages of **World Soccer** by Brian Glanville. This is one for Hammers fans rather than general reading.

Moving north we come to **Inside Football: York City** (Longmans, 62 Hallfield Rd, Layerthorpe, York YO3 7XQ; price £1.50), a 32-page guide to the club, and then moving even further north it's the Scottish clubs getting in on the publishing act.

Published by John Donald Ltd, 138 St Stephen St, Edinburgh, all at a price of £5.95 are the Aberdeen, Celtic and Rangers **Football Companions.** There is a separate book for each club containing a season-by-season review in words and statistics of all the post-war campaigns. All the match line-ups and scorers are there and the prices are very reasonable for the fans.

Of very different — and limited — appeal, is **Team Spirit** by John Syer, the former Tottenham sports psychologist (Kingswood Press, 10 Upper Grosvenor St, London W1X 9PA; price £12.95). Stress, confidence, motivation, relationships are some of the areas of the sporting mind covered. Coaches, once they have got past some of the jargon, may find plenty to fascinate them. But the football reader would do better to borrow this book some time from his library than purchase a copy.

Expanding the horizons in yet another way are two books about the 1986 World Cup (a market virtually ignored by domestic publishers, judging by the absence of review material).

First from an old friend of **World Soccer,** is Frits Ahlstrom's **Verdens Bedste i Mexico** (P. Haase & Sons Forlag, Copenhagen) — the story of the Mexico campaign from the Danish angle (and written in Danish, of course!). Secondly, for an offbeat view of the finals, there is **Mexico on Fifty Dollars a Ticket** (price £2.98 from the author, Mick Worrall, PO Box 16, Wallsend, Tyne and Wear NE28 6UT).

## IN REPLY . . .

**Note: queries can be answered only in this column**

**R. WELCH, Arlington Rd, Camden Town, London:** The mysterious, spider-like shadow just off centre of the middle of the pitch in the Azteca stadium in Mexico City was cast by the public address loudspeaker system, which is strung on wires between the two main stands.

**SHARON STARMER, Naseby Rd, Northants/ PETER T. STEELE, Castlereagh Rd, Belfast/ TREVOR HUGHES, Sproughton, nr Ipswich/S. WOODCOCK, Strafford Walk, Barnsley, Yorks/HAKON HELLE, Stavanger:** Club addresses as follows — Napoli SSC spa, Piazza dei Martiri 30, 80121 Naples; Werder Bremen, Weserstadion, 2800 Bremen 1; CWKS Legia Warszawa, ul.Lazienkowska 3, 00-950 Warsaw; FC Internazionale, Foro Buonaparte 709, 20121 Milan; Bohemians CKD Praha, SNB 31, 10 000 Prague 10; Swarowki Tirol, Sillufer 7, 6020 Innsbruck; Besiktas SK, Siraselviler Cad.No.67/3, Istanbul; Aris Salonika, Vas.Olga 99A, 54643 Salonika; AEK, 3rd Septemvriou 144, 11251 Athens; Milan AC SpA, via Turati 3, 20121 Milan; Monaco AS, Stade Louis II, 2 avenue Prince Her.Albert, MC98000 Monaco (Pte de Monaco); Racing Club de Paris, Stade Yves Dumanoir, 12 rue François Faber, 92700 Colombes; Paris St-Germain FC, 30 rue Bergere, 75009 Paris.

**ANDREAS MICHAELIDES, Brixton, London:** Club addresses as follows — AEK, 3rd Septemvriou 144, 11251 Athens; Olympiakos, Konturiotou 138, Piraeus. Olympiakos last won the Greek league in 1983 and the cup in 1981.

**GERARD DE CONDAPPA, Carlton Ave, Westcliff-on-Sea:** A video review of the 1982 World Cup was produced by JVC in association with Thorn EMI Video Programmes and Thames Television. Try contacting any of these companies for further information about any stocks remaining or watch the classified advetisements in our Shop Window Section. Presumably official videos of the 1986 finals will soon be available. Information regarding player fan clubs can be obtained (if at all) only by writing to the individuals concerned care/of their clubs.

**BRIAN McAULEY, Laichpark Rd, Edinburgh:** Federation addresses as follows — Federazione Italiana Giuoco Calcio, vai Gregorio Allergri 14, CP 2450, 00198 Rome; Federation Francaise de Football, 60 avenue d'lena, 75783 Paris Cedex 16.

## WORLD SOCCER DIARY COMPILED BY ROBERT ALEXANDER

# Hose down trouble makers at football

**COULD water cannon be the ultimate answer in the fight against hooliganism?**

Glasgow engineer Ricky McShane thinks so and he's designed a system which he believes would effectively deal with the twin tragedies of last year: the Bradford fire and the Heysel disaster.

The answer to both such problems he saw as being cheap and plentiful: water. Supplying it where, when and to effect was the engineering problem he then had to resolve.

McShane says: "Basically my idea is a water ring main system installed beneath the running track area of a football park. Hoses are connected to it at a number of outlets and two pumps give you a high-pressure jet system. It can't be used, of course, to deal with the occasional can thrower in the crowd. Pinpointing the offender among so many innocent bystanders would be impossible.

"But in a pitch invasion there are no innocent bystanders."

McShane patented his idea, discussed it further with the National Engineering Institute in East Kilbride and then headed for Brussels and discussions with the Belgian police — who saw his system as ideal in allowing their officers to maintain integrity without entering the danger zone.

McShane found that, far from having to sell them the idea, they helped him try to convince others that an investment of £160,000 abroad or £130,000 at home was well worth it. Since it is designed to combat fire as well as thuggery — he says: "It can reach the highest point in a stand, which is more than a sprinkler system can do" — he naturally believes he is onto a winner.

But he might yet find marketing in Britain, where the water cannon has always been eschewed when it comes to maintaining public order, the hardest part of his task.

***UNICEF will have to continue its fund-raising efforts without the official support of Diego Maradona who felt his image for the work had been compromised by the current paternity suit being heard in Italian courts. Maradona says: "Morally I have been defeated. This unfair accusation has stained my reputation. I am innocent but the damage has been done. I have submitted my resignation to UNICEF and will continue working to help children, but in different ways."***

**IRAQ went to last year's World Cup finals under the management of Brazilian Evaristo de Macedo, but he returned to his previous post in Qatat immediately afterwards.**

Whether he had been sacked or not remains obscure. What is not in doubt is that the Iraqis now have dual management arrangement involving Thamer Muhsin and Ammo Baba — one of the country's most successful club bosses.

In the league El Jaish are top — the only unbeaten team in 16 games — with El Rasheed four points adrift but with two games in hand. El Rasheed, meanwhile, won the Arabian League-winners' Cup for the second time in succession. The finals were played in Tunis and the other four participants were Safakis (Tun), El Araby (Kuwait), El Helal (S. Arabia) and El Jaish (Syria).

**FOR THE record, the points totals in the European Footballer of the Year poll run by France Football were:**

Belanov (Kiev, SU) 84 pts; Lineker (Barcelona, Eng) 62; Butragueno (Real Madrid, Sp) 59; Amoros (Monaco, Fr) and Elkjaer (Verona, Den) 22 each; Rush (Liverpool, Wal) and Zavarov (Kiev, SU) 20 each; Van Basten (Ajax, Hol), and Ducadam (Steaua, Rum) 10; Altobelli (Inter, It) 9; Pfaff (Bayern, Bel) and Platini (Juventus, Fr) each 8; Ceulemans (Brugge, Bel) and Lerby (Monaco, Den) 7 each; M. Olsen (Koln) 6; Dssayev (Spartak, SU) 5; Fernandez (Racing Paris, Fr), Futre (Porto, Por), Gullit (PSV, Hol), Schumacher (Koln, WG) each 4; Dalglish (Liverpool, Scot), Tigana (Bordeaux, Fr) and Yakovenko (Kiev SU) each 3; K. Förster (Marseille, WG) and Matthäus (Bayern, WG) each 2; Laudrup (Juventus, Den) and Völler (Werder Bremen, WG) each 1.

**FOR 60-year-old Dimitris Grimanelis, an Athens businessman, English teams were the tops in November.**

Grimanelis invested £2 to guess the results of English First Division matches in the Pro-Po (Greek soccer pool) and came away with £260,000 as he was the only person who correctly guessed the results of all 13 matches listed. His win was a Greek pools record.

A happy Grimanelis said: "It would have been nice if I had won the money when I was young. But I love England and I go there for business twice a year. You can say I know a little bit about the teams.

***HE CAME, he saw, he conquered . . . Coach Václav Ježek, 63, back from FC Zurich has brought the most popular Czech club, Sparta, back to where he had left them two years ago, on top of the league. Ježek's success is all the greater because during the summer playmaker Jan Berger, 31, strengthened the ranks of FC Zurich while national team striker Stanislav Griga, 25, left to do his compulsory military service with the army club Dukla.***

***The player who puts Ježek's tactical ideas and directions into practice is sweeper and skipper Jozef Chovanec, 26, the new Footballer of the Year.***

**AUSTRALIA maintained their recent dominance over New Zealand by winning the newly-created Trans Tasman Cup, with a 1-1 draw in New Zealand and a 2-1 win in Australia to take the trophy 3-2 on aggregate.**

Australian coach Frank Arok had only three players left from the successful World Cup run so a major injection of talented youngsters was his answer. National league top scorer Graham Arnold scored in both legs, and with wingers Chris Kalantzis and Frank Farina starring, the foundation is there for the future, with the Olympics qualifying round just around the corner.

With the winner of the Oceania group qualifying for the finals in Seoul, this is seen as Australia's best chance of making an impression. Main opposition will again come from Israel and New Zealand, with Taiwan, Western Soamoa, Fiji and Papua New Guinea making up the group.

The first round will be split into two groups, with Australia, Taiwan and Papua New Guinea in Group One and New Zealand, Fiji and Western Samoa in Group Two, Israel join the competition in the second round.

Arok has mapped out 13 internationals for his side, before the Olympic qualifiers round, so this is likely to be the best prepared Australian side ever.

**PELE's reappearance in a No. 10 jersey proved a magical attraction to young Brazilians who flooded to watch him in action in the Pele Cup international veterans tournament in Sao Paolo.**

A crowd of 60,000 packed in to watch him in action in the tournament for countries who have each won the World Cup at least twice when he turned out in Brazil's opening fixture against Italy.

But Pele was unable to supply a goal for the inquisitive youngsters, many of whom were under 20 years old and seeing him play for the first time.

Brazil beat Italy — including Albertosi, Cuccureddu, Facchetti and Boninsegna among others — 3-0 with goals from Rivelino (not a free-kick but a header), Dario and an own goal from Lelli.

**RUDI VÖLLER, the subject of intense transfer speculation for several months, now looks certain to leave Werder Bremen for one of Italy's top clubs after being told he can go for a suitable fee by the club.**

But Völler, 27, is adamant that he has not been tapped and even went to some lengths to refute press reports that quoted him saying he would certainly be going to Italy.

"If I stay fit I will certainly go to Italy," Völler was quoted as saying. "It's the enthusiasm for the game in Italy that really excites me."

He has not mentioned the excitement aroused also by the money likely to be available if he moves south.

**JUANITO, the veteran Real Madrid and Spain winger, was making the gossip column headlines in Barcelona and the Spanish capital shortly before the end of the year when he married for the second time.**

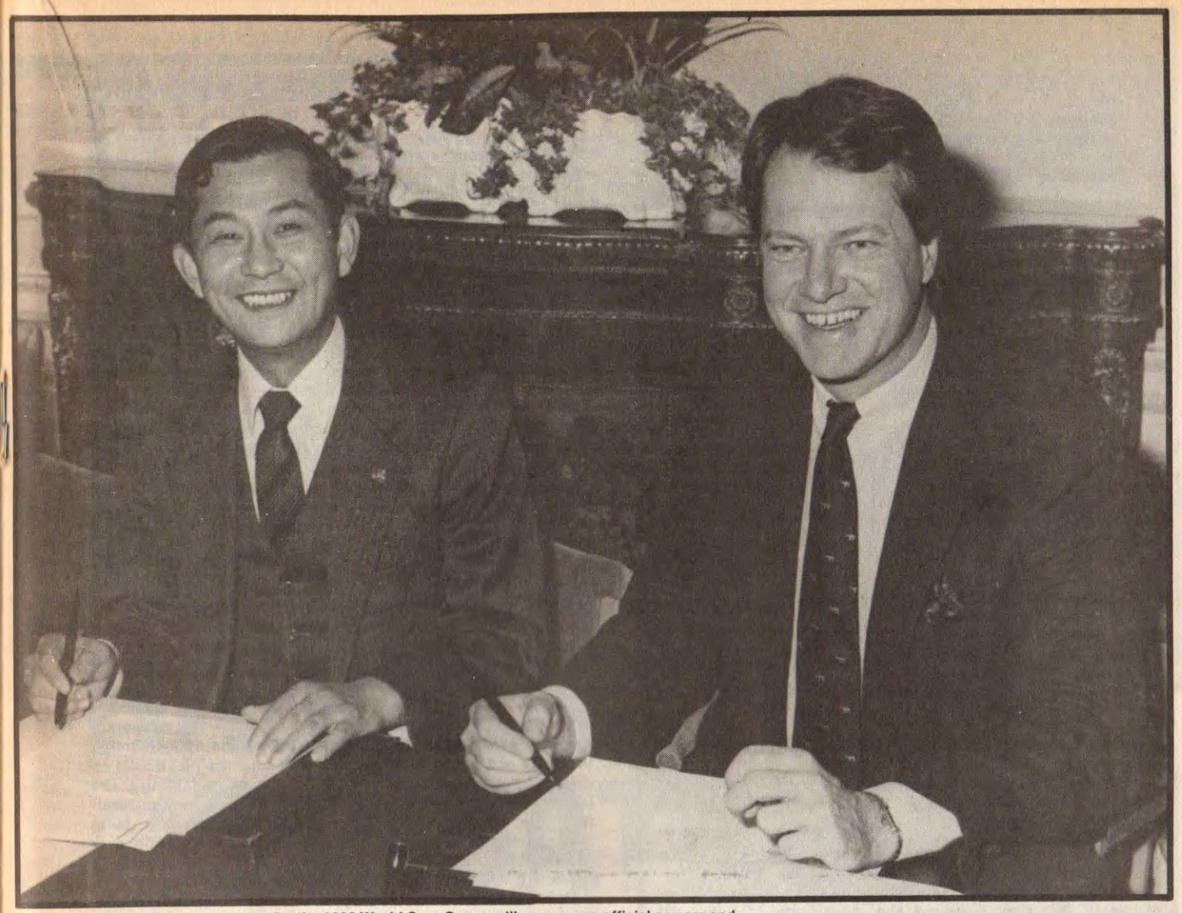
The reason such a normally everyday item attracted attention in Catholic Spain was that Juanito was marrying for the second time.

He and his long-time girlfriend Feyni went through with a civil marriage ceremony after his divorce from first wife Carmen Maria was confirmed. Juanito had three children from his first marriage and he and Feyni have one son, who is six years old, two years older than the youngest of his three by his first wife.

With such a complicated private life to contend with off the pitch, it is little short of amazing that the volatile but skilful winger has maintained his high standards for so long in such a conservative club as Real or in such a city as Madrid.

**AFTER breaking into the international soccer spotlight briefly with three appearances for Canada during the World Cup finals, midfielder Paul James, born in Scotland, has returned to Britain in a bid to start out on a full-time professional career.**

James, 23, wrote to nearly all the major league clubs in England and struck it lucky with a letter to Middlesbrough wherer he has been taken on for a month's trial.



**ONE OF the first big signings for the 1990 World Cup: Canon will carry on as official camera and copier suppliers so it's no wonder presidents Mitarai (left) of Canon Europa and Klaus Hempel of ISL, who take care of FIFA'S commercial interests, look so pleased.**

If he succeeds, he is both sure to add to his tally of 35 Canadian international caps and to launch a career with a good chance of success as Middlesbrough seem sure of winning promotion from the third division this season.

**OFF-THE-FIELD incidents and pressures have led to the unexpected departure from Murcia of former Spanish national coach Ladislao Kubala.**

The veteran Hungarian coach resigned suddenly shortly before the end of the year despite lifting the spirits of a flagging team and steering them away from the depths of the Spanish first division during an inspirational 12-week stay.

"I cannot do the job in the way I want to," he said at a press conference, alluding to the difficulties off the pitch, but without giving any details.

Kubala joined Murcia on October 7 when they were without a win and bottom of the league.

In his 13 matches in charge, they won six and drew two and managed to become the first team this season to beat Barcelona . . . a sweet triumph for Kubala against one of his former clubs.

**FIFA is planning to close down the terracing in a bid to beat hooliganism at all matches connected with the 1994 World Cup, including qualifiers.**

In a bold if blinkered and belated bid to do something about a problem which has been with us for years, FIFA is now likely to be facing severe pressure to rescind its idea.

It may be all right for certain European nations where the vast majority of fans wish to sit in peace and quiet in the stands to ban the use of terraces in the stadiums.

But it is a completely different thing in countries in South America, Africa, Asia and some parts of southern Europe, where the fans stand in huge numbers for the most attractive and alluring internationals.

Wembley would, incidentally, be reduced to using its 44,000 seats only.

**AMID the continuing controversy in England over Luton's members-only scheme and synthetic pitch, the club's chairman David Evans has remained adamantly in favour of any measures necessary to eradicate hooliganism and encourage a family atmosphere at Luton's Kenilworth Road ground.**

At Christmas time, when neighbours Watford were the visitors on Boxing Day, he took the generous step of giving away free seasonal mince pies to the fans and offering champagne. He walked in among the supporters packed behind the goal on the terraces.

Imagine his embarrassment then, only a few days earlier, when his club's somewhat over-zealous membership stewards barred the entry of one prominent non-member who had been invited to the match against Everton — the man left arguing his way in was none other than Santa Claus, complete with long white beard.

In the end, the red-robed Father Christmas — who was invited to give away sweets to the young Luton fans at half-time — had to hand over his car keys as a gesture of faith and goodwill in order to gain entry to the stadium.

**MICHAEL LAUDRUP, who last month warned Ian Rush of the dangers which could be lying in store for him in Italy, has experienced a few problems of his own in the last few months.**

After playing without impressing during Juventus' defeats by Read Madrid, Napoli and finally Sampdoria — where the Zebras were given a 4-1 thrashing — Laudrup suffered at the lips of his manager Rino Marchesi who squarely blamed his Danish international striker for the missed chances which might have changed the face of the game.

"He messed up another goal," he said, putting the emphasis on another. "We cannot go on this way."

Marchesi also went out of his way to stress that he did not blame Michel Platini for any of the defeats, thus adding fuel to the rumours that it will be the Frenchman who stays when Rush arrives.

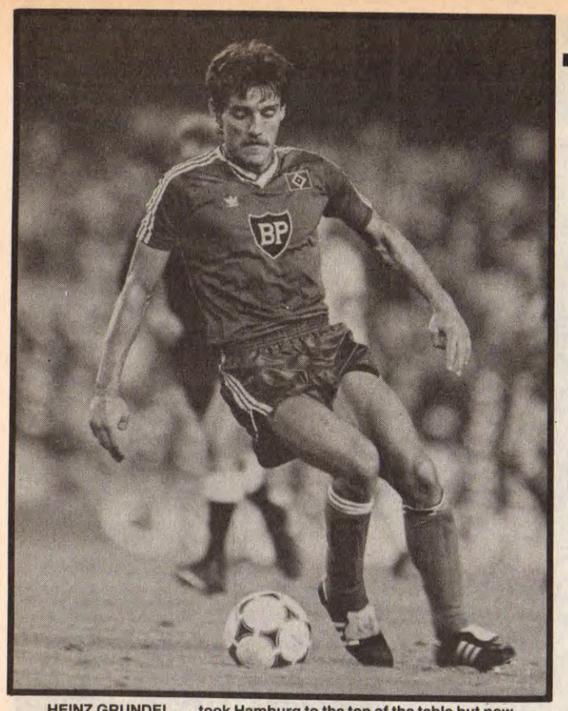
## The Month Ahead

**FEBRUARY 8**
**European chp, gp 5:**
**Cyprus v Hungary**

**FEBRUARY 14**
**European chp, gp 2:**
**Portugal v Italy**

**FEBRUARY 18**
**European chp, gp 7**
**Scotland v Rep. Ireland**
**Friendly:**
**Spain v England**

**FEBRUARY 24**
**European Supercup:**
**Steaua Bucharest v**
**Kiev Dynamo (in Monaco)**



HEINZ GRUNDEL . . . took Hamburg to the top of the table but now faces an injury lay-off.

# FK Austria ahead

THE AUSTRIANS are now enjoying one of the longest winter breaks in European football. The first phase of the championship was completed on November 30 and the programme will be resumed on March 14, that is to say after three-and-a-half months.

Title holders FK Austria led the field by three points from Rapid and FC Tirol who were separated only by goal difference. At the bottom Austria Klagenfurt, with only one win in 22 matches, are joined by First Vienna, Eisenstadt and Grazer AK to form a relegation pool with the four top clubs from the Second Division. The top four from this section will be installed in the First Division next season.

Meanwhile the top eight will play-off home and away for the title, taking the points obtained in the first phase with them. Wiener Sportklub and Sturm Graz escaped the drop to the bottom four by just one point. But they have little chance of winning the championship, since they will start the second phase already twelve points behind the leaders!

The surprise team of the season so far are FC Tirol, Austria's sole remaining representative in the UEFA-Cup. Their triumph over Spartak Moscow in the Third Round sparked literally a fiesta in Innsbruck's Tivoli stadium. A capacity 17,000 crowd, television and advertising brought the club total takings of £150,000, a fortune for a provincial outfit here.

Thousands of fans lit and held sparklers on the terraces turning them into a giant Christmas tree. Austria's most famous manager Ernst Happel (Hamburg's team boss) also waved a sparkler — celebrating no doubt his winning of £210 from a betting shop, having forecast the correct result 2-0

A big talking point was Rapid international goalkeeper Feurer's suspension for three matches after television film was used as evidence of his misdemeanour. Some European countries admit video recorded incidents as proof of guilt, or innocence, though the ruling body consistently refuse to allow such material.

Rapid's striker Richard Niederbacher has left the club to rejoin Waregem in Belgium.

Most clubs have organised indoor tournaments to keep their players fit, others have embarked on lucrative tours to fill their coffers and pay the wages. FK Austria were contemplating a two-match visit to London, where they were hoping to play Arsenal and Tottenham at the end of January.

## ARTHUR ROTMIL reports

**EVEN the serious Press in West Germany describe Hamburg's climb to the top of the table as "sensational".**

The Austrian team manager Ernest Happel, 61, in his last season with the club he has served since 1981, could yet confound the experts and clinch another championship. Last season Hamburg finished only seventh — their worst placing for eight years.

They have been three times champions (1979, 1982 and 1983), but last term didn't even qualify for a European tournament.

The omens for this season were not good. For financial reasons midfield dynamo Wolfgang Rolfe left for Bayer Leverkusen and Michael Schröder for Stuttgart. Felix Magath gave up his schemers' role to become general manager, succeeding Günter Netzer who went looking for fresh pastures in Switzerland.

The only newcomer of note was the Pole Miroslav Okonski, 28, a left winger, capped 23 times, left out of the World Cup squad on his own decision and coming from the provincial club Lech Poznan. But what a star performer he is proving in Hamburg. Perhaps just as well for HSV still have problems with their unruly keeper Uli Stein 32 (six caps) who was thrown out of the World Cup squad in Mexico for stirring up trouble and has since been sent off for insulting a linesman and suspended for four weeks.

Furthermore, the two veteran defenders Manfred Kaltz (69 caps) and Ditmar Jakobs (20 caps) who are both 33, were decidedly slowing down. Yet, they are part of HSV's remarkable transformation and make up with positional play for the lack of speed.

Striker Heinz Gründel, 29 (four caps), benefits from Okonski's dribbling skill, speed and centres, while new team captain Thomas Von Heesen, 25, "liberated" from the overwhelming influence of Magath in midfield, has become the playmaker he always knew he could be in his six years with Hamburg. His assistant is now the Yugoslav-born Sascha Jusufi, now naturalised, the son of the well-known Fahrudin currently team manager of 1860 Munich. Next to Okonski the other foreigner is the Belgian 'libero' Gerard Plessers, a 27-year-old, capped 13 times.

Before the season started Happel was, according to the media, "facing his toughest year". He refused to be drawn into tipping the next champions, but his Yugoslav-born assistant Aleksandar Ristic thought Bayern Munich remained the big favourites and that "Hamburg would finish somewhere between the fourth and eighth place."

Even after HSV were certain to spend the winter months as leaders, Happel, who recently underwent a stomach operation, remained unimpressed: "Winter champions — what's that?"

Executive manager Magath was more forthcoming: "I never thought we would finish the first stage at the top; I regard this as the sensation of the year. Of course, we are only half way there, but a club who stands first after 17 games must have a chance of winning the title. Yet, I think Bayern Munich and Bayer Leverkusen have better chances, on account of being better balanced.

"Still, we have made the most of our resources, the mixture of old and young has succeeded. Von Heesen was outstanding in his new role. Okonski proved a trump card, the young Beiersdorfer, plus the old-timers they were all our strong points. But I am afraid that this leap to the front could be fraught with danger and risky. The fans are now expecting the title and are more demanding than in August. We have to take this into account and cope with new pressures."

But Magath was pleased to hear that 17 of the 23 winter leaders became champions; he thought it was a good omen.

National team chief Franz Beckenbauer, who finished his career in Hamburg, says: "HSV can be champions. They represent the right blend, but I wonder what will happen if one of their key men like Kaltz, Plessers, Okonski, or Jakobs were to drop out through injury. The reserves are simply inadequate and I have never seen an eleven which can last through 34 league matches."

Beckenbauer added that Bayern Munich remain the best squad in the country not least because they boast a string of tried and trusted players on the bench — "I feel Bayern will make it, while FC Homburg and Blauweiss Berlin will be relegated, because the promoted sides invariably find it tough. This has been proved time and again in the 23 years of the Bundesliga."



# Xamax Neuchatel winter champs

*XAMAX NEUCHATEL are Switzerland's "Winter-Meisters" (champions) having suffered just two defeats in 15 matches in which they reached 24 points and a marvellous goal tally of 36-9.*

*Three points in arrears were FC Sion, Switzerland's last hope in Europe (Cup-winners' Cup), and Grasshoppers, with the surprising AC Bellinzona fourth.*

*At the bottom La-Chaux-de-Fonds, without a win to their credit, claimed just one point and the dismal goal record of 10-58!*

*Bellinzona's rise has been quite remarkable, if not phenomenal particularly when assessing their pulling power. Last season this modest club, from the Italian-speaking part of the Ticino, registered average gates of barely 2,500 — this term at 'half-time' they were the best supported club in the league averaging 9,900 per game — an increase of nearly 300 per cent!*

*Next in popularity were Xamax, despite the fact that their gates actually were down from 10,300 to 9,110. Still disappointing are the attendances at FC Zurich and Grasshoppers with 5,710 and 4,860 respectively in 8th and 11th place in popularity and this in the country's largest city. Overall gates were down by five per cent, but one must remember that last season they were up by 24 per cent.*

*The influence of foreigners in Swiss football has become evident, since the introduction of a second official import, more decisively than ever.*

*Without goals from their foreign 'legionnaires' Bellinzona would have been placed second from bottom.*

*Leading scorer in the league is the Dane John Eriksen whom Servette bought from Feyenoord. There he scored 22 goals last season. Now, in the first half in Switzerland he has already hit 16, including three penalties.*

*Second was the Brazilian Paolo Cesar (Bellinzona) on 12, followed by another Dane and last year's top scorer Steen Thychosen (Lausanne) on 11 and the Frenchman Phillipe Fargeon on 10, who left Bellinzona for Bordeaux where he continued his scoring exploits.*

*Another Frenchman Bernard Genghini, a midfielder capped 26 times, was also formerly at Servette and returned to France (Olympique Marseille). Stupendous performances by the 19-year-old Brazilian Jose Sinval next to top marksman Eriksen have hastened Genghini's departure after just four months in Swiss football. The second half of the season will start on March 1.*

*The championship will, after all, be decided outright after the 30-match programme and not on a play-off as originally proposed. A number of clubs protested against the additional pool claiming that it could demote a side tops after a full programme to fourth spot and not even guarantee a place in a European tournament. But there will be play-offs to determine promotion and relegation issues.*

# HAMBURG CLIMB 'SENSATIONAL'

Beckenbauer thought that "the standard of play has improved, the fans are again more enthusiastic, possibly as a result of the good showing in Mexico". He was also impressed with Kaiserslautern and Dortmund. Among the individuals by Matthäus, Rahn and Wuttke.

For the first time in nine years gates were up in the first half of the season having reached 3,467,000. In the past four years the relevant figures were: 1982 — 3,456,000; 1983 — 3,288,500; 1984 — 3,277,900 and 1985 — 3,142,000. This means that compared to the corresponding stage last term there were 325,000 fans more.

In this aspect too, Hamburg can be well pleased. They need 18,000 on average to break even, but reached 26,544. There were fewer goals in total 476, last year's 518, the year before 564.

There were fewer sendings off, ten as compared to fifteen in 1985. But in 1984 there were eight, in 1983 twelve and in 1982 just four!

Leading goal-scorers were, jointly, Rudi Völler (Werder Bremen) and Herbert Waas (Bayer Leverkusen) with ten each.

Bayern Munich, who attracted a record 67,500 crowd in Gelsenkirchen, could only draw with Schalke to take second place on an inferior goal difference to Hamburg. Bayern boasted the best average gates of 42,625 per home match. Leverkusen beaten in Stuttgart are third, while Bremen with six key men injured, lost to Köln whose international striker Klaus Allofs scored his 150th Bundesliga goal. Borussia Mönchengladbach, unbeaten in 15 matches, lost in Nürnberg.

At the bottom Blauweiss Berlin and Fortuna Düsseldorf were already six points adrift of the safe 15th place. Three team managers were fired so far, Fritz Fuchs (Homburg), George Kessler (Köln) and Dietrich Weise (Eintracht Frankfurt). At the end of the season Kalli Feldkamp will be replaced at Uerdingen by Horst Köppel, Beckenbauer's assistant.

The replacement of Köppel is causing the DFB unexpectedly delicate problems. In recent times three highly qualified coaches have left the DFB (Weise, Ribbeck and now Köppel), to take over Bundesliga teams. Beckenbauer, who four days before Köppel's announced departure extended his contract till 1990, said: "The new man doesn't have to be a disciplinarian, after all I am responsible for everything."

The fact is that none of the Bundesliga team managers is interested in the job of assisting Beckenbauer. There is still deep resentment that Kaiser Franz is managing the national side without a coaching licence.

The former well-known international (39 caps), now team boss of Borussia Mönchengladbach, Jupp Heynckes, whose contract expires next summer, spoke for many of his colleagues when he said on television sarcastically: "Me, assistant to Beckenbauer? That would be as if in a handicraft business a master craftsman had to work under an apprentice!"

Even Beckenbauer's old team mate from the national side and now associate as manager of the 'Under-21s' and youth side Berti Vogts, turned down the position of right hand man: "Franz knows that I am a different type to Köppel and would expect more authority." And the team chief of the Olympic squad Hannes Löhr, another former international, diplomatically avoided any binding statement.

It may well be that the DFB will have to settle for someone like Holger Osieck, chief of the 'Under-15s' and 'Under-16s', or Gero Bisanz lately coaching the national women's team, who have teaching qualities, but no real experience of handling full-time pros.

Beckenbauer himself has had financial problems abroad. In Switzerland he was fined by the authorities £7,000 for tax evasion. It appears that Franz took up residence in the Swiss tax haven in 1977 and created several firms through which his considerable income was channelled into lucrative investment. He established himself in Sarnen, a small town away from the big city banks.

By 1980 he had a Swiss income of £33,000 and capital of £500,000. But in 1983 and 1984 he only paid taxes amounting to £6,000 each year. In 1982 one of his firms was liquidated, but the tax due was not paid. And this is now the reason for the affair having been made public. In 1984 Beckenbauer gave up his domicile in Switzerland and has since been living in the famous Austrian winter sports resort of Kitzbühel.

The bad publicity is now proving an embarrassment to the West German national team chief, as well as in his adopted residence and to his employers.

# Beanz Meanz Heinz — but not at Juventus

ONE of the biggest shocks awaiting Ian Rush when he arrives in Italy next year will be the change of diet.

According to Italy's leading sports nutritionist, Doctor Manlio Cipolla, all foreign players have some problems adjusting to the diet, which inevitably affects their performance initially.

Dr Cipolla has 22 years experience in advising top players on their dietary requirements and talked about some of the problems facing Ian when he comes to Italy.

"When Karl Heinz Rummenigge came to Italy he had to cut down on eggs and meat, two food products which we consider to be dangerous if eaten in excess.

"When Ian Rush comes to Italy he will find that he will eat less butter and, of course, he will have to adjust to the famous Italian dishes of pasta and rice.

"All foreign players have some difficulty in adjusting to the diet and many, as Ray Wilkins found out, lose quite a lot of weight."

A typical pre-match meal? Rush's future team-mate, Michel Laudrup, told us what to expect when he sits down to eat with Juventus.

"They're very strict in Italy. We eat three and a half hours before the match, usually rice or spaghetti, followed by a steak and, to drink, mineral water or orange.

# Altobelli now the villain!

**from Jane Nottage in Italy**

**AT the risk of repeating myself, the name on the tip of everyone's tongue this month is Alessandro Altobelli, but for different reasons to last month.**

The he was a National hero, Italy's Ian Rush or Gary Lineker, popping goals in as regularly as the government changes.

After this prolific period came the Malta v Italy match, one of the European Championship qualifiers.

True to form, Altobelli popped one in after 19 minutes to make it 2-0 to Italy, but just as the victory celebrations were starting, a penalty was awarded to Italy for a foul on Roberto Donadoni by Azzopardi.

Altobelli took it, misjudged it and missed. Within 15 minutes another penalty was awarded in Italy's favour, once again the ex-World Champion and leading scorer lined up on the 11 metre spot and horror of horrors missed again!

Two missed penalties in quarter of an hour from one of the country's great centre forwards, was too much for the rest of the team whose nerves went to pieces.

After the match a mortified Altobelli lay on the massage table and took full blame.

"There is no one else to put the blame on, I decided to take the second penalty as when you make a mistake you risk losing your nerve," he said.

"In Italy every goal counts as two because there is more tension and more stress! Ten years in Italy is like 20 years abroad. Look at Schachner and Rummenigge.

They have scored fewer goals here than in their native country and they have suffered. I missed two penalties, I'm not making excuses but I am not afraid of taking penalties again, I'm ready to take them again when I'm asked to."

Enough of missed penalties — a recurring theme this season in itself — what of the overall performance of the Italian team?

Two young newcomers made their debut against Malta, defender Ricardo Ferri and playmaker Guiseppe Giannini.

Both passed their big test with flying colours. Ferri scored the first goal after 11 minutes and controlled his Maltese opponents with skill and judgement whilst Giannini demonstrated a maturity far beyond his 22 years, directing the ball from midfield with accuracy and vision.

We still have two Italian clubs in the UEFA Cup — Torino and Internazionale. Torino went to Beveren with a 2-1 advantage and won 1-0, the goal coming from national team midfielder Beppe Dossena.

They went into the quarter-finals of the UEFA Cup and into the history books. It's the first time that they have made it to the "spring" rounds and the first time that they have survived in a cup longer than Turin rivals Juventus.

Torino deserve this success, they have lived for too long in the shadows of the mighty Juventus and have at long last emerged as a force in Europe.

Missing their Dutch attacker Wim Kieft, who was out with a knee injury, they nevertheless fought and won a hard battle, playing well as a team with an on-form Leo Junior and an exceptional Dossena.

Their biggest problem is to find form in the league where they are struggling, midway down the table. But if they bring European glory home they maybe forgiven their lacklustre domestic performance.

## Blanket

Inter are also through to the quarter-finals, they beat Czechs Dukla Prague 1-0 on aggregate, drawing 0-0 at home on the third attempt! The first second leg match had to be abandoned with only 13 minutes to play left, due to fog.

Just after Karl-Heinz Rummenigge had scored the only goal and displayed once again, his powerful skills as a top class attacker the fog enveloped the stadium like a blanket.

Play was suspended for eight minutes then recommenced for five before being finally called off by French referee Quiniou. There was no other choice: the referee couldn't see the players who couldn't see each other or the ball.

After a lot of dallying around, it was rearranged for the following day at 4.30 in the afternoon.

Inevitably the fog was still enveloping the area so it had to be rearranged again for the following Wednesday and, should the fog still be with us, would be played the next day in Genova.

However, the gods smiled and the game took place on the Wednesday evening under clear skies.

The delay certainly hadn't improved play. A dismal, lifeless performance by Inter meant a goalless draw with Inter qualifying on their away goal.

On the domestic scene the style of play has come in for a lot of criticism. There have been many long, boring articles about how boring Italian football has become. And to some extent they are justified, the Turin derby in which Juventus beat Torino 1-0 and the goalless Milan v Napoli game were but two high profile examples of how the defensive game kills entertainment value. Leading lights in Italian football are aware of its defensive downfall so maybe things will loosen up for the second part of the season.

Juventus certainly are struggling to rediscover their goal-scoring abilities and patron Gianni Agnelli admits that the cause could be because "Perhaps Michel Platini has lost the will to score goals."

The Lazio scandal has come to court with three referees admitting they received money and gifts from directors of the club. Evidence is being given in what will probably be a long intricate court case.

The Italian Federation will present a new statute in February under the presidency of Franco Carraro. He will confront problems of organisation, economy and justice.

Many people see this as the dawn of a new era but the cynics say "Let's wait and see."

## Expect

It's certainly time that the federation did something about improving and encouraging facilities in Southern Italy. With the extinction of Palermo for reasons already discussed, the deep south is left without a voice or a platform and without this one cannot expect it to be ready to be one of the world cup centres in 1990.

It will also be interesting to see how Carraro handles the sticky problem of "game fixing" and bribery scandals which have rocked Italian football over the past few years.

Finally, King Maradona has re-signed for Napoli until 1989 thereby ending speculation as to his future next season. Napoli President Ferlaino made the announcement with a flourish and a declaration that he was "spending the fan's money and even if he wanted to sell him he couldn't without a referendum."

Mark Hateley of AC Milan.

# BARCELONA STAY TOP

**FROM DUNCAN SHAW**

*TERRY VENABLES'S Barcelona — playing effective rather than spectacular soccer — began December with a three-point lead at the top over deadly rivals Real Madrid.*

*By the time that the festive season had arrived, however, the Madridistas had managed to whittle down Barca's lead to just one point . . . before Venables and co pulled away again.*

*But the battle at the top between the two giants has not been the only matter of interest for the aficionados.*

*December was also the month of Spain's hard-fought win in Albania, the month of excited speculation about both Maradona and Schuster joining Real Madrid, and the month of rumours that Steve Archibald would have to quit the game due to a recurring pelvic injury, rumours that the player himself angrily denied.*

*Above all else, however, December was the month of the modest Español club.*

*Español have always lived in the shadow of their mighty local neighbours Barcelona, with just a fraction of the support and media attention enjoyed by Barca.*

*But this unequal situation began to change last summer, thanks to Español shrewdly engaging the dynamic and effective Javier Clemente as coach.*

*Clemente, of course, was the man who guided Bilbao to so much silverware, building a physically powerful team upon the foundation of a rock-solid defence.*

*His methods at Español have been exactly the same, and the results have been excellent, bearing in mind that — apart from Dane Jon Lauridsen — his is a team without stars.*

*At Christmas, Español were third in the table, four points behind Barcelona and three behind Real Madrid, but above the likes of Bilbao, Atletico Madrid and Gijon.*

*In addition, Español boast the best home record, having dropped just one point in the nine matches played in their Estadio Sarria.*

*Small wonder, then, that the club is pressing the controversial Clemente to extend his lucrative contract beyond the summer to discourage interest from up the road!*

*Indeed, a similar situation exists at Barcelona. President Nunez is understandably satisfied with the team's continued leadership and UEFA Cup progress, and so is urging Venables to remain at the helm for two further seasons.*

*Barca opened up a three-point lead at the top by winning 2-0 away to Osasuna — where Real Madrid had previously crashed — thanks to goals from Carrasco and Victor.*

*On the same weekend, the Madridistas were rather fortunate to emerge with a 1-1 draw from the Madrid derby match.*

*Atletico Madrid squandered a whole host of chances, until a perfect Landaburu free-kick gave them the lead ten minutes after the interval.*

*But Real were allowed to equalise immediately, an awful defensive mix-up presenting Hugo Sanchez with an open goal.*

*The following Sunday saw the Catalan-Madrid clashes. Again, Atletico Madrid — this time against Barca in the Nou Camp — were denied victory thanks to a costly defensive blunder.*

*Marina put Atletico ahead just before half-time, converting a penalty awarded for a foul on the elusive Paco Lorente.*

*This was the first goal that Venables's team had conceded at home all season.*

*Barca stormed back in the second half, but Lineker and Hughes were once again off form.*

*Atletico would have taken home both points if shabby defensive work had not allowed Ramon Caldere to sneak in for an opportunist equaliser ten minutes from time. Once more, the Colchoneros had needlessly squandered a well-deserved lead.*

*Meanwhile, in the Bernabeu, Real Madrid were struggling to a tedious 1-0 win over Español.*

*On the day when the white handkerchiefs began to wave in protest at Real's lack of flair and exuberance, the only goal was put away in the 14th minute by the evergreen Carlos Santillana.*

*Just three nights later, again at home, Real were even duller and less convincing. They again stumbled to a 1-0 win over lowly Murcia, thanks this time to Hugo Sanchez's 17th goal of the season.*

## Delight

*At the same time, Barca were playing out a goalless draw away to Santander, while Español — to the delight of the packed Sarria — battled fiercely for a 2-1 win over Atletico Madrid.*

*Thus Barca's lead at the top was cut to a solitary point, and Español moved up to third position.*

*On the last weekend before Christmas, none of the top three teams gave away any presents. Barcelona beat Mallorca 3-1 at home, with the only cause for concern being that Lineker and Hughes yet again failed to score.*

*Neither of them has found the back of the net in a league match since the end of October, but — as Venables continually points out to the media army — the important thing is that the team as a whole is scoring goals.*

*Real Madrid again won in unconvincing style, 1-0 away to Las Palmas thanks to a fortuitous own-goal. Español claimed their two points with far more style, crushing Murcia 4-1 away from home.*

*A far from merry Christmas was enjoyed by the Atletico Madrid fans, players and officials.*

*The team surprisingly crashed 0-1 at home to injury-devastated Santander, thus subjecting both president Vicente Calderon and caretaker coach Jesus Jayo Martinez to the abuse of the angry crowd.*

*Due to this defeat, Atletico slipped down to sixth position, seven points behind Barcelona.*

*Calderon hinted that he wouldn't be presenting himself for re-election, and also that he would be searching for a new coach.*

*Javier Clemente is the unanimous choice of the fans, but he's far too happy with the way things are going at Español to consider making another switch.*

# Mikhailov's turn-about

**compiled by Terry Bushell**

**BANNED for life, rehabilitated for World Cup duty and now named player of the year — that is the extraordinary recent career of Vitosha goalkeeper Borislav Mikhailov in Bulgaria.**

He was banned *sine die* along with four other players after a Cup Final brawl last season. But then Bulgaria reached the Mexico World Cup finals and when it was realised the country had no other world class goalkeeper the ban was shamelessly lifted to enable him to join the national team.

The sports journalists who voted for him also had the gall to name his striker team-mate Nasko Sirakov as runner-up — Sirakov had also been suspended after the Cup Final punch-up, albeit for only one year.

Mikhailov's father was for many years the goalkeeper of Levsky Spartak, as Vitosha was called before that notorious final, and his younger brother is the Vitosha youth team keeper.

The family obviously has connections in the right places, which may partly explain Borislav's remarkable turnaround in fortune.

Levsky's final opponents were the army side CSKA, which is now called Sredets, and after a shaky period adjusting these two teams are once again starting to dominate.

At the halfway stage in the league, the "autumn championship" belonged to them jointly along with Slavia, all of whom had won nine, drawn three and lost three of the 15 matches played before the winter break.

Sredets missed the chance to be outright "autumn champions" when they lost 3-1 at home to Slavia on the last day.

Ten thousand spectators in the Levsky Stadium saw Aleksandrov give the visitors a fifth-minute lead. Tanev equalised after 37 minutes with a penalty.

After the interval another goal from Aleksandov and then one six minutes later from Dimitrov gave Slavia the points.

Vitosha meanwhile were hanging on to a 1-1 draw at mediocre Sliven after Mikhailov had been injured in the 34th minute, to be replaced by Delchev.

Iordanov had given Vitosha the lead after five minutes, only for Simeonov to equalise 23 minutes later.

Aleksandrov's two goals make him top scorer, with 18, one more than Sirakov.

**CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Sparta Prague, who were unbeaten after nine games and had a four-point lead, lost two of their next three games and saw Bohemians come to within one point of them, as the league went into hibernation.**

Sparta were unlucky to go down 1-0 at Trnava, where 5,000 saw Brezina score against the run of play three minutes into the second half. They then dropped a home point in a goalless draw with Olomouc, a lapse that Bohemians did not make when they entertained Olomouc two weeks later.

Chaloupka scored the only goal of the match in the 62nd minute for the points that closed the gap on Sparta.

**HUNGARY: Ujpest Dozsa were comfortable leaders until the last three games of the autumn campaign, when they first dropped a home point in a goalless draw to tenth-placed Bekescaba, then lost 1-0 at home to closest challengers MTK-VM.**

They then lost again at home, 2-0 to Tatabanya, while MTK-VM were picking up two useful away points in a 3-2 victory at Raba ETO.

Dozsa were surprisingly outplayed by Tatabanya and went down to goals from Csapo (18 minutes) and Plotar (71).

Their confidence had been shattered the previous week, when a 25th minute goal from Talapa was enough to give MTK-VM the victory and the two points to take them level with Ujpest.

Against Raba ETO, MTK-VM were 3-1 up at the break, Kekesi hitting two of their goals.

MTK-VM leapt to the top of the table without the services of top striker Szeibert, who scored ten goals before being injured to head the scorers' list along with Vincze of Tatabanya.

**POLAND: Gornik Zabrze are running away with the league title thanks to a new rule giving an extra point to teams that win by at least three goals.**

First they thrashed lowly Stal Mielec 5-2 at home. Palasz scored a hat-trick, with goals in the second, tenth and 37th minutes, the last a penalty, and Urban got two, in the 15th and 56th minutes. Filipczak replied for Stal, after 25 minutes (a penalty) and as the final whistle blew.

Then Gornik did it again, winning 3-0 at bottom club Motor Lublin. Majka gave them a 2-0 interval lead, which Iwan increased on the hour.

**YUGOSLAVIA: Vardar Skopje remain top thanks to a 2-0 home win over Dinamo Zagreb. After 17 games, they have 20 points.**

Partizan are second, a point behind, and Velez Mostar lie third on 17. Hajduk Split were among the leaders until they slipped up 2-1 at home to Buducnost, who leapfrogged over them.

Hajduk are badly missing their star midfielder Ivan Gudelj, who, despite his youth, was captain of the Yugoslav team at the World Cup finals in Spain. He is out for six months with a bad case of jaundice.

**EAST GERMANY: Dynamo Berlin look like extending their record run of league title successes, being in the lead yet again.**

A 2-1 win at Karl-Marx-Stadt gave them 22 points from 13 games, two more than second-placed Lokomotiv Leipzig, who were keeping up the pressure with a 3-1 victory at Stahl Riesa.

Wismut Aue are third, a further four points behind, following a goalless draw at Union Berlin.

**SOVIET UNION: Alekzndor Zavarov of champions Dynamo Kiev is Player of the Year. Soviet reporters chose him a week after team-mate Igor Belanov had been named European Player of the Year.**

**ALBANIA: The last two rounds of the first stage of the Albanian national championship brought some interesting results but no change in the top positions.**

Flamurtari and Partizani continue to share first place and so far have appeared to be the main challengers for the league title.

In the penultimate round Flamurtari drew 1-1 in Durres after leading for most of the match through a goal by Ruci.

In the last round both leading teams won. Flamurtari beat Tomorri Berat 4-1 at home, while Partizani easily won 3-0 over Luftetari Gjirokastra.

# RACING CLUB IN A HOLE

CAN Racing Club de Paris climb out of the hole in the second half of the season?

After that colossal expenditure of a rich man's money, much of it on foreign stars, some of it on Fernandez from across the city, as we know, the club made a shocking start, eventually sacking its manager, the Yugoslav Takac, and appointing the assistant coach Victor Zvunka, better known from his days as player and coach with Olympic Marseille.

And things did begin to improve. Not just because there was a change of manager, bringing the traditional spurt in morale, but because Zvunka made some shrewd changes.

One of the shrewdest and most paying was to shift little Pierre Littbarski from the right wing to an inside left midfield position. Zvunka says that he had watched Littbarski play in the World Cup in Mexico for West Germany and realised that he no longer really wanted to play as an out-and-out right winger.

So when the little man was dropped into the Racing Club reserve team, playing third division football, Zvunka moved him to inside-left, with promising results. Made manager, he promoted him to the first team.

At that time Littbarski was hanging by a thread in Paris; there was strong possibility that he would go back to West Germany, to play in Berlin.

His first essay as an inside left was against Saint-Etienne. Four goals went past the Racing Club goalkeeper, but as Zvunka says, the performance by Littbarski was one of the consolations of the day. Since then the team has shown a lot more heart.

Umpierrez, one of three Uruguayans on the club's books, says that Littbarski's presence in midfield has made a substantial contribution. In the past, he says, it was easy for defences to close-mark his Uruguayan compatriot, Enzo Francescoli. Now, with Littbarski and himself attacking from midfield, there are other options to be contended with.

Then there is Cherif Oudjani, signed a few weeks before the winter break from Lens, a big centre forward, powerful in the air, who will stay at least to the end of the season.

It may seem somewhat ironic that after splashing out so much money Racing should have to acquire a striker from a far less moneyed club, but there we are. Oudjani is beyond doubt a goal getter, as he quickly proved on his arrival in Paris.

Victor Zvunka says sadly that he wished he had been in charge of transfer policy. The group of players he inherited was gifted, but it badly lacked a true centre-forward.

The arrival of Oudjani, admired by Zvunka for his power in the penalty area, his heading, his capacity to score 12 to 18 goals a season, has also helped take the pressure off Enzo Francescoli, the manager says.

Things should indeed look up when the full fruits of this transfer and Zvunka's contribution are enjoyed.

There were other interesting late transfers. Racing Club in fact had cause to regret one of them; that of young striker Phillipe Fargeon from the Swiss League, with Bellinzona.

Fargeon stepped straight into the Bordeaux team; another example of a club which had spent a fortune in the close season but still had not got the team it wanted and needed.

He immediately scored against Lille then showed it was no fluke by netting a tremendous volleyed goal against Racing Club at the Parc des Princes. A sizzling right footer, but eight minutes from the end, which meant an important 2-1 win for a Bordeaux team coming right back into the reckoning, after all its turmoil with the Press, and its disappointing home defeat by Brest.

No doubt the dispute between reporters, newspapers and the overweening Bordeaux President Claude Bez will run and run. Often Bez had arbitrarily banished reporters and photographers from matches.

So in protest the whole of the French Press and communications industry went on a day's token strike — which never happened to Chelsea and Ken Bates in parallel circumstances!

When the Press, who had agreed to put out the results but no more, arrived that day at Bordeaux for the match against Brest, it was to find that all the phones in the Press room had been cut off. Perhaps just as well for Bordeaux, given their rotten result that day.

A day by the way when Brest did not even have José Luis Brown, the mighty Argentinian World Cup sweeper, in the side; suspended.

Since then, Brown has at last been coming into his true form and Brest can surely expect better results from their investment in him and Brazil's talented Julio Cesar, in the second half of the season.

Another player to be watched is the late developer Thierno Youm from Senegal, now playing for Laval. This is a spectacular player, and the two goals he scored against yet another expensive team, Monaco, followed long, fast, splendidly sustained runs. They won the match, and Youm was the best player on the field.

Born at Rufisque, Senegal, he is now 26 years old. He always seems to have an outstanding game against Monaco, who must be sick of the sight of his long, black, devastating legs. Inevitably nicknamed Boum Boum by the Laval fans, Youm has been with the little club since 1984. I have an idea he may soon be moving on.

Another star from Switzerland, an especially well known one, who is back again in France is the lanky international midfielder Bernard Genghini, scorer of the famous goal from a free kick in Madrid against Austria, to win a match in the 1982 World Cup.

Genghini did not stay very long with Servette, in Geneva, before joining Marseille; yet another expensive transfer for the club now bank-rolled by Bernard Tapie. Despite his seemingly fragile physique, Genghini over the years has had the reputation of scarcely ever being injured.

This season, however, things seem to have caught up with him, what with tendinitis, a nasty bang on the left knee in a training game in Marseille when he collided with Jean-Louis Zanon, and consequent absences.

Servette had been courting him for many years before he went there; when he played for Sochaux, when he played for Saint-Etienne, but Genghini cautiously decided that he was too young yet to play abroad.

At the end of last season, he decided to take the plunge, and left Monaco for Geneva. It was an appropriate time, he felt, to try his luck in a Championship not as good as that of France. He could have signed for Marseille then, had he wanted. At 29, he knew he was taking a step down, to a League where only a handful of clubs could really compete.

Things did not work out at all in Switzerland. Tendinitis put Genghini out of the side, his place going to a young Brazilian called Sinval — where do they all come from? — "possessing all the qualities characteristic of South American footballers," in Genghini's words.

He quickly became the favourite of the crowd and with the other permitted foreigner, Erikssen, scoring freely, Genghini realised there was no place for him there.

So the free-kick specialist, the midfield strategist, is back with his undoubted skills and talents in France. One French manager he will not want to play for again is Roby Herbin.

They didn't get on at all well together when Genghini joined Saint-Etienne; just before the big scandal over illegal payments. Genghini says Herbin wanted him, then "blamed" it on the president, Roger Rocher. It is something he plainly won't forget in a hurry.

# *Fan loses his life in Athens*

**From Lou Economopoulos**

**THE year 1986 was one which many Greek soccer fans would like to forget . . . and just before the troubled year went out another fan lost his life because of hooliganism.**

A 17-year-old supporter of PAOK Salonica was stabbed to death in Athens by a 20-year-old soldier, an AEK Athens fan, the night before the big match between the two clubs.

Only two months before a 29-year-old Larissa fan was struck and killed by a pistol-launched flare which was shot off by a PAOK fan just before their first division match.

Nikos Sakkas has confessed to the killing of Giorgos Zontos and the stabbing of his friend Gerasimos Iasios while a 20-year-old PAOK fan was arrested and charged with manslaughter in the freak flare incident.

The spreading of violence on and off the pitch in Greece has led to a sharp drop in attendance figures for the major clubs. In fact, just after the stabbing incident less than 80,000 fans attended the eight First Division matches that Sunday — a figure that the big derby AEK-PAOK should have drawn at the Athens Olympic Stadium, while it only drew 18,349 fans.

Meanwhile, Olympiakos Piraeus increased their lead over second-place OFI Crete to three points after a convincing 3-1 win over Panionios Nea Smyrni, inspired by Nikos Anastopoulos's hat-trick.

"Olympiakos are on the way to the league and cup titles," said Anastopoulos, the league's leading scorer who scored all three goals in the first half. "We are the best team in the league with nothing to fear. It's time, at last, for our fans to celebrate."

OFI continued to surprise the major clubs, as they did last season, defeating AEK 1-0 in Athens with a header by Grigoris Haralambidis in the second half.

"We showed that we have the talent to compete in this year's competition," Haralambidis said. "AEK may have had troubles of late, but this is still a major team. Thus our victory on their pitch makes it more rewarding. I think OFI will be right up their, although I think Olympiakos, with much more fan and media support than us, will finish first."

AEK are still missing top scorer Thomas Mavros, out for most of the season with a leg injury.

"We played very well against OFI but we still lost. We're just going to have to play a lot better than our competition to win," said AEK coach Dutchman Albert Fafie, whose days are surely numbered.

Defending champions and cup winners Panathinaikos picked up only their fourth victory of the season with a year-ending 1-0 away win at Ethnikos Piraeus.

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In front of 9,000 home-town fans, Panionios knocked out AEK 1-0 from league cup play with a goal at the 118th minute from Englishman Gary Owen.

"I was at the right place at the right time," said the former West Bromwich Albion midfielder of his game-winning header, saying it was only his fourth headed goal in his 10-year career.

His many fans at Panionios shouted "Gary, Gary" as he stepped out of the dressing room after the match and they attempted to carry him on their shoulders.

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Jorge Barios of Uruguay, star midfielder for Olympiakos the last two seasons, says he wants to finish his soccer career playing for the Uruguay national team in the World Cup in 1990.

"If they ask me to play, I won't say no," Barios, 25, said.

Barios said Olympiakos should win the league title this season "and then the fans here will see how we celebrate in South America."

# DOUBLE FOR EGYPT

**EGYPT recorded a stunning 'double' in Africa's two inter-continental club competitions, the Champions' Cup and the Cup Winners' Cup.**

First El Ahly of Cairo won their third consecutive Cup Winners' Cup with a 3-2 aggregate win over Gabonese 'no-hopers' AS Sogara and then Zamalek beat Africa Sports of the Ivory Coast on penalties, to secure their second win in three years in the Champions' Cup.

El Ahly (National) now keep the General Mostafa trophy and entrench their position as the continent's top club side.

Despite winning the 1984-5 Egyptian championship, El Ahly elected to defend the Cup Winners' Cup in an attempt to do the 'treble', leaving runners-up Zamalek to take over their Champions' Cup spot. Predictably, and somewhat ironically, both won, but not as easily as originally forecast.

It was the third time in four years that Egypt completed a clean sweep of the two competitions. In 1982 El Ahly won the Champions' Cup, while neighbours Arab Contractors became the first North African team to win the Cup Winners' Cup; in 1984 Zamalek won the Champions' Cup and El Ahly began their stranglehold on the Cup Winners' Cup.

In the Champions' Cup semi-finals, Zamalek overcame the challenge of highly fancied Canon of Cameroon, while Africa Sports secured a narrow away goals rule win over Zambia's Nkana Red Devils.

Zamalek's ace striker Gamal Abdel Hamid scored twice in the space of 11 minutes, in the first half of the second leg against Canon, in Cairo to end the hopes of the Yaounde club, three-time winners of the Champions' Cup.

Hamid's goals gave Zamalek a 2-0 home win and 3-2 aggregate win. He had also been the hero of the first leg in Yaounde, with a stunning first minute goal which set Canon on their heels for the rest of the tie.

Although veteran defender Emmanuel Kunde converted two penalties to rescue the hosts in the first leg, Hamid's exploits in the return ensured Zamalek's path to glory.

Africa Sports also scored first away from home in the opening leg of their semi-final in Kitwe, against the Zambian representatives before wrapping up proceedings before a capacity 40,000 crowd in Abidjan.

Mamadou Doumbia's 24th-minute goal proved the decisive edge although Golden Kazika equalised before half-time to level the first leg at 1-1. Africa Sports had the run of a tense return encounter but failed on numerous occasions to bury their chances. A 10th-minute penalty miss by Sports' Guede Bha allowed the Zambians to escape with a goalless draw that ended their hopes of a first-ever final appearance for the Southern African nation.

Zamalek started the first home leg of the final with Ibrahim Yousef, back from injury and suspension, pushing forward and adding both grace and power to the middle of the field.

However, although they quickly settled, Zamalek seemed to have few ideas except to push long balls high into the Africa Sport penalty area. With Nations Cup star Monguehi anchoring a muscular looking defence such a course of action never looked likely to prove profitable.

The one real goal chance in the first half hour came when goalkeeper Alain Gouemene, attempting to throw the ball clear, sent it instead to the feet of Tareq Yehia. The Zamalek winger was as surprised as everybody else at the free gift and he wasted the opportunity by taking too long to get in his shot.

Africa Sport's one chance in the first half came when the ball was whipped away from Traeq Aleem in the Zamalek goal only for the final shot to edge wide of the post.

In the last minute of the half Hamada Abdul Latif robbed the right back, gave the ball, kept running, collected it again by the corner post and sent over a lovely cross.

The Ivory Coast defence having started to push out were left stranded and goalkeeper Gouamene had to challenge Aiman Younis himself. He made a terrible mess of it, the ball bounced free and Younis recovered his balance to hit it home.

The second goal came in the 49th minute. A long ball dropped into the Africa Sport penalty area where Aiman Younis shielded it from Monguehi, turned and hit it home.

Africa Sport obviously thought a 2-0 defeat would give them problems in the return so they came out looking for a goal and at last the game came to life. First they hit the bar then Yehia, back to something like his old form, had a lovely shot saved by the keeper. The best attempt however came from Abdul-Latif, who had come on early in the first half for the injured Mohammed Helmi, his 40-yard drive hitting the wood work.

Zamalek could well have sewn up the return before the half-hour when striker Gamal Abdel-Hamid missed a gilt-edge chance after the Egyptians threw caution to the wind to an attempt to silence the 60,000-strong crowd.

A bad mistake by goalkeeper Tarek, however, ended their enthusiasm. He meekly punched a corner straight to Ivorian international Abdul who buried a stunning left-foot volley into the net on the stroke of half-time.

That crucial goal turned the tide and willed on by the fanatical fans, Africa Sports pummelled the visitors' defence. Another defensive error saw Africa Sports captain Emile Gnahore surge into the area and on one of his characteristic darting runs in the 56th minute. Gnahore was sent crashing by a Egyptian defensive sandwich and 18-year-old Lue Ruffin converted the penalty to level the aggregate.

Inexperience then got the better of the Ivorians and their furious rush to get a third and decisive goal almost backfired.

A goalline clearance from Ruffin stopped Gamal's fierce drive in the 80th minute and sent the game into extra time. The only real chance in the 30 extra minutes fell to Bha, who squandered from close-in before the match result went to penalties.

It was there that Zamalek's experience paid off and they ran out 4-2 winners.

Africa Sports can draw some consolation from their narrow defeat, however. The Ivorian team beat countrymen Stade of Abidjan 3-2 on aggregate weeks before the Champions Cup final to qualify for the final of the West African Football Union cup, where they will meet Asante Kotoko of Ghana. Added to that, Africa Sports did the 'double' in domestic competition, winning both the league championship and knockout cup.

**IN the Cup Winners' Cup, Ismaili held El Ahly to a goalless draw in their all-Egyptian semi-final first leg in Cairo and, after going ahead in the return at Ismailia through Mohamed Hazam, had an upset on the cards.**

But, an equaliser six minutes before half-time from Hossam Hassan gave National the all-important away goal.

Then, in a dramatic finale to the first half, Emad Suliman missed a penalty for Ismaili while goalscorer Hassan and opponent Tarek al-Wash were issued with their marching orders. Ismaili, who won the Champions Cup in 1979, missed three convertible chances in the second period before bowing out.

AS Sogara's 3-0 aggregate win over Tunisia's Hamman Lif eased the disappointment of Gabon's elimination the previous week from the African Nations Cup qualifiers.

After holding out for a goalless draw in Tunisia, unfancied Sogara banged three home without reply. Alain Mkanga started the spree in the first half and finished off with the third three minutes from time with Roger Avah contributing to the scoresheet in between.

El Ahly also hosted the first leg of their final in Cairo — scoring a one-sided 3-0 win before 70,000 at the Nassar Stadium. The man-of-the-match was international midfielder Taher Abu Zeid, who scored twice in the first half to put paid to Sogara's chances.

From the first minute when Alaa Mayhoub produced a little bit of trickery by the right corner post El Ahly were brimming with confidence and they went ahead with only ten minutes on the clock.

It was a ridiculous farce of a goal. A powerful run by Taher Abou Zeid earned a free kick and the Nations Cup star had time to pick himself up and hit the ball past a startled goalkeeper, while the defence were still considering where to place the wall.

El Khatib had a header saved by Nkoma but even then the keeper didn't inspire confidence as he punched away a ball he could have easily have held.

Up front Raouto Samuel was demonstrating some good individual skills but the former French professional couldn't get the Gabon forward line working and a second El Ahly goal seemed inevitable.

When it came it was excellent. Mayhoub timed a wonderful pass through the defence, Moustafa Abou flicked it over and Zeid came charging in to head it home.

El Ahly's best spell came early in the second half when they played the ball around very much as they liked, but El Khatib, who was later taken off, wasted a golden opportunity.

The spell broke and Wamba put in the first real shot for Sogara but the ball sailed harmlessly high. Wamba was in action again a few minutes later when Ekramy had to stretch to take the ball off his head. The veteran keeper seemed to aggravate the injury he received in the semi-final but this time he stayed on the pitch.

The third goal came from a penalty. Tarek Khalil, perhaps the most improved player in the team, had his cross brought down by a defender's arm and Magdi Abdel Ghani scored from the spot.

The mid-field international nearly scored a second when his 40-yard shot hit the bar and close to the end El Ahly got the ball in the net, only for the referee to blow up for offside.

Arabic is a delightful language for soccer fans with useful expressions such as 'inshallah' (if God will it) muttered just before penalties or 'bravo Alex' (well done that man).

However, as El Ahly saw their seemingly impregnable 3-0 lead melt away in this fierce second leg match, the words on everybody's lips was 'ilhumdillilah', literally 'praise be to God'.

Indeed when a combination of luck, the width of the woodwork and the acrobatic skills of goalkeeper Ikrami kept El Ahly in the match, it did seem as if somebody up there was favouring the Egyptians.

The Sogara National Stadium was obviously going to be a difficult ground for El Ahly. It is an enormous concert bowl, in need of painting and the general ran down look added to the hostility in the air. Above the ground the sky



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CENTRE of attention next year? . . . Algerian star Lakhdar Belloumi.

was grey and the rains had turned the pitch into a soggy, slippery marsh, made worse — the El Ahly officials claimed — by Sogara ground staff watering the pitch. Yet it was hard to see which side the conditions favoured the most with the wet ball skidding off defenders feet to fall in front of forwards who sent their shots spinning wildly away towards the corner flag.

What was surprising was how Sogara, who had been more or less outclassed in Cairo, were so successful in keeping El Ahly pinned in their own half. The Egyptians however looked as organised as ever and always managed to have a man spare at the back.

As a result it was a full half hour before the home team created the first real chance. A good through ball found the excellent Makanga and the winger rushed into the area leaving two men stranded on the ground. However having manoeuvred himself square to the goal he still managed to screw the ball wide of the post.

With Raouto always thinking one step ahead, Sogara started to look more dangerous bringing the ball out of defence quickly and putting in a series of crosses that brought the best out of centre-half Mahmoud Saleh.

Yet with the score still standing at 0-0 at half-time, El Ahly appeared an easy 45 minutes away from African soccer history.

A goal early in the second half opened the game up completely. The ball went from left to right across the El Ahly area, and was returned again in a long hanging cross. I thought Raouto, who had drifted unnoticed into the area, would get the touch but he was beaten to it by Makanga who cannoned the ball in off the bar.

El Ahly had a second shock minutes later when Ikrami had to stretch low to edge the ball round the right post. This incident, as much as the goal itself, shocked the Egyptians and they wisely tried to take the game into the Sogara half of the field.

Taher Abou Zeid had a powerful run at the goal but was edged out to the right before he could get his shot in. Minutes later Alaa Mayoub came closer, his shot sliding over the mud and giving goalkeeper Akendengue a nasty moment.

It was Ikrami at the other end who was having the busy time and his safe handling in the difficult conditions made him the outstanding star of the match.

He certainly couldn't be blamed for the second goal, which again exposed El Ahly's weakness at the back, a corner being headed in by Wamba. That goal set up a dramatic last fight but El Ahly dug into all their reserves to keep their now narrow lead.

A good match was spoilt at the end by the crowd who kept the Egyptians locked in their changing rooms for over an hour and El Ahly finally needed an army escort to take them to the airport.

The Egyptian press were calling for their clubs to withdraw from next year's competition unless the AFC banned all Gabon teams. However it's hard to imagine El Ahly, having won this trophy, not being their next March to fight for the new cup that will be donated.

**CUP OF NATIONS: Zambia have withdrawn as hosts for the 1988 African Cup of Nations, the continent's equivalent of the four-yearly European Championships. Officials blamed economic problems for going back on a commitment they made almost five years ago.**

The Nations Cup, which unlike its European equivalent, is run every two years, will he shifted to Algeria, who were to have hosted the 1990 edition.

A Confederation of African Football delegation visited Zambia in mid-December to inspect the venues for the tournament and were given a luke-warm reception. The Zambians face an official fine of 200,000 Swiss francs, which compares lightly with the expected 13 million dollars outlay to stage the competition.

But Zambia has had more pressing problems. Only a week before the withdrawal more than 10 people were killed in Ndola, after major food price rises.

The decision threw the draw for the tournament into disarray, only days after the second round pairings had been announced.

As hosts, Zambia, along with 1986 winners Egypt, had been granted automatic qualification to the finals, with the rest of the continent battling it over 18 months to fill the other six berths. Now Zambia are expected to be allowed to compete in the qualifiers, taking over the Algerians' position in the first round draw.

This is the second consecutive tournament for which the original hosts have pulled out of. Malawi were scheduled as hosts in 1986 edition but withdrew for the same reasons and Egypt stepped in — and won the Cup.

The Arab-dominated CAF has come in for regular criticism from the black African nations for "favouring" North African nations over the rest of the continent. But, the truth remains, the North has efficiently fulfilled its obligations.

The qualifying rounds eventually limped into action with only five of the ten scheduled matches starting and only four finishing by the required date.

There was no surprise about the withdrawal of Mauritius, Equatorial Guinea or Lesotho, but it was a shame to lose Mali who could have given Tunisia a tough warm up. To add to the gloom, Ethiopia, having scraped through the first game against Tanzania by 4-2 decided not to make the return trip because the national team was judged "below standard."

Of the four matches played on time by far the most intriguing was Angola against Gabon as both teams must have had an outside chance of making the last eight. After two even games it took a penalty shoot out to see Angola through.

No such tie-breaker was needed by Uganda or Congo. The East African side had their best result for years with a 5-0 win over Somalia, while Congo were home and away winners against Central Africa.

Sierre Leone, who won a reprieve from the confederation just 48 hours before the second leg against Liberia after being disqualified for not paying arrears of 8,600 dollars, must count as the luckiest qualifiers.

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They held out for a 1-1 draw in Monrovia to go through 3-2 on aggregate. Liberia had looked to be heading through on away goal rules thanks to Ezekiel Doe's 33rd-minute penalty. But Abubaka Kamara struck with just four minutes left to win the tie for the West African nation.

Guinea, once a respected force in African football, narrowly pipped minnows Gambia 3-1 on aggregate. After winning only 2-1 at home, Guinea faced a shock elimination at the hands of the tiny West African nation, who have never won a major international. They held on, however, to win 1-0 and provoke the president of Gambia's Football Association, Mustapha Ngum, to disband the national team "for the immediate future."

**OLYMPIC GAMES: The African qualifiers for 1988 in Seoul have got under way. Swaziland and Botswana qualified for the first round without kicking a ball after Mauritius and Madagascar withdrew, while Malawi crushed Rwanda 8-2 in their encounter, which was clouded in controversy.**

In the first leg in Kigali, Malawi fielded three players who had just returned from unauthorised stays with South African clubs. Striker Frank Sinalo, who hit a hat-trick, and midfielders Clifton Msiya and Holman Malunga, who got the final goal in the 5-2 first leg win, were all among the 17 players banned by FIFA in February for absconding from their clubs.

After their humiliating home defeat, Rwanda protested to FIFA over the inclusion of the three. *World Soccer* was told by FIFA press officer Guido Tognoni that FIFA "had forgiven the players" after they returned to Malawi before a deadline — September 30 — of which no one seemed to have been informed.

Tognoni said FIFA set the deadline not long after announcing the bans. It seems Malawi President Hastings Banda made a personal representation to the game's controlling body to have the players reinstated.

As for Rwanda, their case was thrown out and they made a futile journey to Blantyre for the second leg, where they were beaten 3-0, with "rebel" Sinalo scoring the first two goals.

**ALGERIA: Four clubs — Algiers, Setif, Collo and Bordj Menaiel — shared the early lead at the top of the first division.**

The more fancied Jet and MP Oran trailed after an uncharacteristic poor starts. Fadil Megharia, who played against both Brazil and Spain in Algeria's disastrous World Cup campaign in Mexico, has been banned for two years after chasing and pushing a referee in a match for his club Chlef.

**BOTSWANA: Gaborone United were beaten in the derby against arch rivals Township Rollers.**

But they remain top of the first division with 32 points from 21 games.

Perennial runners-up Botswana Defence Force XI are second, two points behind, with Centre Chiefs and Rollers in third and fourth places.

**CAMEROUN: Canon completed the league and cup double thanks to a 1-0 win over Rail Douala in the Cup Final.**

**EGYPT: El Ahly and Arab Contractors continue to lead the Egyptian league with El Ahly stretching their record to five wins in a row thanks to a 1-0 defeat of El Misri.**

Zamalek are also in contention and took three valuable points with a 1-0 win over Suez.

Ibrahim Yousef, out through suspension and then injury, returned to the news when he scored in Zamalek's 2-1 victory over Qazma of Kuwait. The match was staged for the retirement of Qazma's Abdullah Ma'youf.

Egyptian soccer was shocked by the death of international striker Mohamed Hazem, 29, who was killed in a high speed car crash returning from a league match. He had been in the Ismaili team since 1975 and was the league's top scorer in 1985/86. He first appeared in the national team in 1980 but never secured a regular place.

Goalkeeper Ali Agha and defender Mahmoud Gaber who were in the same car were also seriously injured.

**EQUATORIAL GUINEA: Union Vesper took the league title ahead of Juvenil Reyes and Dragons.**

**GABON: FC 105 are champions after finishing two points clear to USM.**

Two French teams have been touring: Laval beat Sogara 2-1 but lost 1-0 to the national team. Paris St Germain beat USM 3-2.

**GHANA: Champions Asante Kotoko reached the final of the West African Football Union Cup after beating Djoubel of Senegal 4-2 on aggregate in the semi-final.**

Saarah Mensah netted two first-half spot-kicks to give the Ghanaians a 2-0 home victory in the second leg, after the two teams had drawn 2-2 in Dakar . . . having beaten Togo 3-1 in the African youth championship Ghana were disqualified for fielding over age players. Three GFA officials have been arrested while the case is investigated . . . Two unfashionable clubs met in the cup final with Okwahu United beating Real Tamale 1-0 . . . Opoku Nti has returned home after a spell in Europe. He is rejoining Asante whom he helped win the African Cup in 1983.

**IVORY COAST: Africa Sport edged the league title by a single point from Stelle.**

Standing: Africa Sport 72; Stella 71; Stade 70; ASEC 69; Odienne 60.

**KENYA: The fight to represent Kenya in the 1987 African Cup Winners Cup saw Gor Mahia beat holders Kenya Breweries in the semi-finals and unfancied Bandari of Mombasa 1-0 in the final.**

**LIBERIA: Asante of Ghana paid a two-match visit, beating Mighty Barrolle 3-0 and Invincible XI 1-0.**

Mighty Barrolle took the league title by one point from Invincible XI and then beat Invincible XI 3-1 in the cup final.

**MALAWI: Bata Bullets and Mitco are locked in a tight struggle for the lead in the Super League, with just one point separating the teams.**

Mitco, second with 21 points, have played one game more than their rivals, however, who have 22 points from 13 games. Limbe Leaf Wanderers, MDC United and Admarc Tigers remain in touch with the leaders.

**MALI: The country's football authorities have decided to end their one-year exile by allowing the national team and clubs to compete again in continental competitions.**

**MOROCCO: Champions FAR opened up an early three point lead in Group A of the championship.**

In Group B, Raja Casablanca and Rabat share the lead with 15 points each. The first division was split into two groups for 1986-7 to cut down on the size of the league.

**RWANDA: Black Panthers and Kiyovy scored 1-0 and 4-1 victories over touring side Prince Louis of Burundi.**

**SOUTH AFRICA: Rangers clinched their first-ever first division title with one match left in the National Soccer League championship.**

The Johannesburg-based team, coached by former Arsenal and Scottish international Alex Forbes, needed just a single point from their last two matches to win the title after reigning champions and closest rivals Bush Bucks lost two vital away games at Hellenic and Kaizer Chiefs.

Rangers did what was needed with a one-sided 4-0 win over third place AmaZulu at the Rand Stadium. Bush Bucks looked certain to end second with one of either Moroka Swallows, AmaZulu or Chiefs gaining the "bronze" . . . Upstarts Mamelodi Sundowns beat Jomo Cosmos 1-0 in extra time in the Mainstay Cup final after clinching upset victories in their respective semi-finals in November. Both matches were played as part of a "double header" at Johannesburg's Ellis Park Stadium, which attracted 60,000 fans . . . Bush Bucks' striker Calvin Petersen has joined Austrian first division club SC Eisendtadt to join fellow South African Spoedie Bronkhorst in the rigours of European football. Owen da Gama has returned to Ireland's Derry City after a successful off season spell with former England international Terry Paine's Witbank Black Aces.

**TANZANIA: The league continues to grow.**

Just six teams strong in 1981 it will involve 12 sides from next season.

The new clubs to win promotion are Red Star and KMKM which means that for the first time the island of Zanzibar will be represented. Champions are Maji Maji.

**TUNISIA: Home side Esperance won a four team tournament which included WAC Casablanca and Jet of Algeria.**

**ZAMBIA: National team coach Brightwell Banda has been axed but manager-less Zambia showed no signs of missing Banda a few weeks later, beating Angola 1-0 in Luanda and then defeating an Angolan provincial selection 4-1 on a short tour.**

**ZIMBABWE: Glamour team Dynamos beat 1984 champions Black Rhinos to retain their Super League title.**

Dynamos' win put them seven points clear of second-placed Caps United with four matches left. Zimbabwe Saints were third, ahead of Rhinos, Eagles and Highlanders . . . The Zimbabwe player of the year competition is one of the best organised in the world. A team of sport writers and administrators vote for the top 11 players at the end of August, although the votes each player receives will then be decreased according to the number of red or yellow cards collected throughout the season. This time Friday Phiri (CAPS), Shepherd Muradzikwa (Hwange) and Victor Murchwa (Air Force) failed to make the final 11 because of their poor disciplinary records and leading scorer Moses Chunga took the prize.



# CANADA TO HAVE NATIONAL LEAGUE

**From Colin Jose**

**OF the 24 teams who competed in the World Cup last year only Canada did not have its own national soccer league.**

That matter is being rectified this year when the Canadian Soccer League, formed under the auspices of the Canadian Soccer Association, begins operating.

The CSA recently announced that it has awarded eight franchises in the new league, four in Ontario and four in western Canada.

The four Ontario teams — Hamilton Steelers, Toronto Blizzard, North York Rockets (another Toronto club) and Ottawa Capitals will form the Eastern Division, while the Winnipeg Fury, Edmonton Brickmen, Calgary Kickers and Vancouver 86ers wil make up the Western Division.

There will be some interlocking games but because of the enormous distances to be travelled, these games will be kept to a minimum. A national final will be staged between the champions of the two divisions.

Several previous attempts have been made to form professional soccer leagues in Canada, some regional, some national, all failed.

Canada also had five teams in the North American Soccer League at one time, Vancouver Whitecaps, Edmonton Drillers, Calgary Boomers, Montreal Manic and the Toronto Blizzard.

The commissioner of the new league will be English-born Dale Barnes, a broadcaster and producer, who during the past summer was the host of all 52 World Cup games shown over The Sports Network, Canada's pay TV sports network.

Long an exponent of the Canadianisation of Canadian soccer, Barnes will head a league in which each team will be staffed almost entirely by Canadian players, with each club only permitted three imports.

So the soccer mercenaries who descended on the NASL need not apply.

Two of the clubs in the new league have already made their mark on the Canadian game this past summer and in previous summers.

The Toronto Blizzard were, of course, at one time members of the NASL and, unlike so many of their contemporaries, found that the league folded before they did.

Meanwhile this is the third reincarnation of the Hamilton Steelers, who first played in the Eastern Canada Professional Soccer League in 1961 and then again in the ill-fated Canadian Professional Soccer League in 1983.

The Eastern Canada League received a lot of publicity in its inaugural season largely because Toronto City, one of its members, signed Sir Stanley Matthews, Danny Blanchflower, Johnny Haynes, Jackie Mudie and Tommy Younger.

The Canadian professional league folded in the middle of its first season, with the Steelers the only club to emerge with its reputation intact. President Mario Di Bartolomeo will be vice-president of the new league.

The Blizzard, of course, were formed in 1979 and in a distinguished NASL career reached the league finals in 1983 and 1984 only to lose on both occasions.

When the league folded the Blizzard never really did throw in the towel, instead buying a franchise in the local semi-professional National Soccer League.

This summer the Blizzard won every title but one in the NSL with a team that included the likes of goalkeeper Paul Hammond and Ace Ntsoelengo and Canadian internationals Randy Ragan and Paul James from their former NASL days.

The team was coached by former Brighton wing half Dave Turner, who was an assistant coach under Bob Houghton with the club in the NASL.

Having won the NSL title the Blizzard went on to compete for the unofficial national title against Vancouver Columbus Italia and La Lavallois from Quebec, the champions of two leagues affiliated to the NSL.

A 1-0 win over Columbus in Toronto gave the Blizzard the championship. One week later the Blizzard won the league cup championship of the same organisation once again beating Vancouver in the final.

Meanwhile Hamilton were competing in the Ontario Inter-Cities League and winning the Ontario Cup. This led them to the finals of the national amateur championship, a competition that has been played for since 1913.

Playing in Sherbrooke, Quebec the Steelers defeated Dollard Des Ormault of Montreal and Edmonton Ital-Canadians to reach the final.

Here they met Vancouver Croatia last year's champions winning 1-0 on a goal in the last minute from full-back Billy Johnstone.

The Steelers included seven former Canadian youth internationals in their line-up and were coached by former Canadian international centre back Kevin Grant. Hopefully this is a sign of things to come in the new league, which has been formed to provide Canada's many promising young players with a place to play.

However, while the championship was a triumph for the Steelers, it was an embarrassment to Canadian soccer.

In order to stage the final in Sherbrooke, the field had to be widened to take a full-size field. This led to a muddy mess down each touchline where turf was laid shortly before the championships began.

In addition the goals were only 7ft 3in high and not the regulation 8ft, and the goal areas were too large.

Also in violation of FIFA rules unlimited substitution was permitted, as it is in many leagues in Canada.

**Canada's Igor Vrablic races with France's Patrick Battiston.**

# Classified Results — Tables

## 1986 DOMESTIC TITLES

**ALBANIA — Champions:** Dinamo Tirana. **Cup final:** Nentori 3, Vllaznia 1. **Top scorer:** Majaci (Apolonia) 20.

**AUSTRIA — Champions:** FK Austria. **Cup final:** FK Austria 3, Rapid Vienna 3 (6-4 pens). **Top scorer:** Polster (FK Austria) 33.

**BELGIUM — Champions:** Anderlecht (after beating Brugge on the away goals rule in a play-off after teams finished level on points: play-off matches 1-1, 2-2). **Cup final:** Brugge 3, Cercle 0. **Top scorer:** Vandenbergh (Anderlecht) 27.

**BULGARIA — Champions:** Beroe Stara Zagora. **Cup final:** Vitosha 2, Sredets 1. **Top scorer:** Pashev (Trakia) 30.

**CYPRUS — Champions:** APOEL. **Cup final:** Apollon 2, APOEL 0. **Top scorer:** Ioannu (APOEL) 22.

**CZECHOSLOVAKIA — Champions:** Vitkovice. **Cup final:** Trnava 1, Sparta 1 (4-3 pens). **Top scorer:** Griga (Sparta) 19.

**DENMARK — 1985 Champions:** Brøndbyernes. **Cup final:** Lyngby 3, Esbjerg 2. **Top scorer:** Bastrup (Ikast) 20. **1986 Champions:** Aarhus. **Cup final:** B1903 2, Ikast 1. **Top scorer:** Claus Nielsen (Brøndby) 15.

**EAST GERMANY — Champions:** Dynamo Berlin. **Cup final:** Lokomotiv Leipzig 5, Union Berlin 1. **Top scorer:** Strässer (Union) 14.

**ENGLAND — Champions:** Liverpool. **Cup final:** Liverpool 3, Everton 1. **League Cup final:** Oxford 3, QPR 0. **Top scorer:** Lineker (Everton) 30.

**FINLAND — 1985 Champions:** HJK Helsinki (0-1, 4-1 v Ilves in play-off final). **Cup final:** Haka Valkeakosken 2, HJK 2 (4-3 pens). **Top scorer:** Luis (Ilves) 19. **1986 Champions:** Kuusysi Lahti. **Cup final:** RoPs 2, KePs 0. **Top scorer:** Miinimaki (Ilves) 13.

**FRANCE — Champions:** Paris Saint-Germain. **Cup final:** Bordeaux 2, Marseille 1. **Top scorer:** Bocandé (Metz) 23.

**GREECE — Champions:** Panathinaikos. **Cup final:** Panathinaikos 4, Olympiakos 0. **Top scorer:** Anastopulos (Olympiakos) 22.

**HOLLAND — Champions:** PSV Endhoven. **Cup final:** Ajax 3, Roosendaal 0. **Top scorer:** Van Basten (Ajax) 37.

**HUNGARY — Champions:** Honved. **Cup final:** Vasa 0, Ferencvaros 0 (5-4 pens). **Top scorer:** Detari (Honved) 27.

**ICELAND — 1985 Champions:** Valur. **Cup final:** Fram 3, IBK 1. **Top scorer:** Torfasson (Fram) 13. **1986 Champions:** Fram. **Cup final:** Akranes 2, Fram 1. **Top scorer:** Torfasson (Fram) 19.

**ITALY — Champions:** Juventus. **Cup final:** Roma bt Sampdoria 1-2, 2-0. **Top scorer:** Pruzzo (Roma) 19.

**LUXEMBOURG — Champions:** Avenir Beggen. **Cup final:** Union 4, Red Boys 1. **Joint top scorers:** Krings (Avenir) and Huss (Gravenmacher) each 25.

**MALTA — Champions:** Rabat Ajax. **Cup final:** Rabat Ajax 2, Zurrieq 0. **Top scorer:** De Ponti (Zurrieq) 8.

**NORTHERN IRELAND — Champions:** Linfield. **Cup final:** Glentoran 2, Coleraine 2. **Top scorer:** Anderson (Linfield) 14.

**NORWAY — 1985 Champions:** Rosenborg Trondheim. **Cup final:** Lillestrom 4, Valerengen 1. **Top scorer:** Andersen (Valerengen) 23. **1986 Champions:** Lillestrom. **Cup final:** Tromso 4, Lillestrom 1. **Top scorer:** Seland (Start) 12.

**POLAND — Champions:** Gornik Zabrze. **Cup final:** GKS Katowice 4, Gornik 1. **Top scorer:** Zgutczynski (Gornik) 20.

**PORTUGAL — Champions:** FC Porto. **Cup final:** Benfica 2, Belenenses 0. **Top scorer:** Manuel Fernandes (Sporting) 30.

**REP. IRELAND — Champions:** Shamrock Rovers. **Cup final:** Shamrock Rovers 2, Waterford 0. **Top scorer:** Gaynor (Limerick) 15.

**RUMANIA — Champions:** Steaua Bucharest. **Cup final:** Dinamo Bucharest 1, Steaua 0. **Top scorer:** Hagi (Sportul) 31.

**SCOTLAND — Champions:** Celtic. **Cup final:** Aberdeen 3, Hearts 0. **League cup final:** Aberdeen 3, Hibernian 0. **Top scorer:** McCoist (Rangers) 24.

**SOVIET UNION — 1985 Champions:** Kiev Dynamo. **Cup final:** Kev Dynamo 2, Shaktyor Donetsk 1. **Top scorer:** Protasov (Dnepr) 35. **1986 Champions:** Kiev Dynamo. **Cup final:** Torpedo Moscow 1, Shakhtyor 0. **Top scorer:** Borodyuk (Moscow Dynamo) 21.

**SPAIN — Champions:** Real Madrid. **Cup final:** Zaragoza 1, Barcelona 0. **League cup final:** Barcelona bt Betis 2-0, 0-1. **Top scorer:** Hugo Sanchez (Real Madrid) 22.

**SWEDEN — 1985 Champions:** Orgryte (bt IFK Gothenburg 4-2, 2-3 in play-offs final). **Cup final:** AIK 1, Osters Vaxjo 1 (4-3 pens). **Top scorer:** Hellstrom (Orgryte) 13. **1986 Champions:** Malmo (bt AIK 0-1, 5-2 in play-offs final). **Cup final:** Malmo 2, IFK 1. **Top scorer:** Ekstrom (IFK) 13.

**SWITZERLAND — Champions:** Young Boys. **Cup final:** Sion, Servette 1. **Top scorer:** Thychosen (Lausanne) 21.

**TURKEY — Champions:** Besfktas. **Cup final:** Bursaspor 2, Altay Izmir 0. **Top scorer:** Colak (Samsunspor) 33.

**WEST GERMANY — Champions:** Bayern Munich. **Cup final:** Bayern 5, Stuttgart 2. **Top scorer:** Kuntz (Bochum) 22.

**YUGOSLAVIA — Champions:** Red Star Belgrade. **Cup final:** Velez 3, Dinamo Zagreb 1. **Top scorer:** Cop (Hajduk) 22.

### UEFA CUP
**Third round, second legs**
**(Dec 10 unless stated)**

**Beveren 0**
**Torino 1** (Dossena 76)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 13,500. **Ref:** Wohrer (Aus)
*Torino 3-1 on agg*

**Beveren:** Dewilde — Pfaff, Gorez, Lambrichts, Maes, Stalmans, Peeraer (Buyens 81), Fairclough, Theunis, Kusto, Lemoine (Marinelli 61).

**Torino:** Lorieri — Corradini, Francini, Zaccarelli, Junior, Rossi, Beruatto, Sabato, Cravero (G. Ferri 87), Dossena, Comi (Lerda 89).

Torino dominated most of the game in Belgium and made sure of their place in the quarter-finals with a goal from international midfielder Giuseppe Dossena at a time when Beveren had been pushing hard for a goal of their own . . . which would have helped take them through on the away goals rule.

A perfect through ball sent Dossena clear to shoot easily past Filip Dewilde. With the Belgians dispirited, Turin created a flurry of chances in the dying moments but failed to add to the score. Dossena hit the post minutes after his goal and missed another chance when he had only Dewilde to beat.

Beveren tried hard but could not break down the Italians' well-organised defence. The home crowd saw little goalmouth action and Torino keeper Fabrizio Lorieri was rarely in trouble.

A lack of inspiration and skill quickly stifled Beveren's early enthusiasm, and their steady plodding created only half-chances. When the Belgians' stamina began to fail late in the game Torino, inspired by Brazilian midfielder Junior, punished them.

Earlier in the game, Beveren broke through the crowded Italian midfield only occasionally thanks to Marek Kusto.

He created several openings on the flanks but striker David Fairclough was unable to get away from the marking of Ezio Rossi.

Torino controlled the first half and, after easily absorbing this early pressure, dominated midfield and created the most dangerous opportunities.

In the 31st minute, a floated, high cross was perfectly met by defender Giovanni Francini. Towering above defenders, he flicked the ball past Dewilde only to see his effort rebound from the bar. Italian pressure increased and Junior came close again a few minutes later. Creating space in the penalty area, he dribbled past one defender and forced a fine save from Dewilde.

**Borussia Mg 0**
**Glasgow Rangers 0**
**Att:** 34,000. **Ref:** Ponnet (Bel)
*Borussia on away goals rule: 1-1 agg*

**Borussia:** Kamps — Winkhold, Borowka, Bruns, Frontzeck — Krisp (Jung 46), Bakalorz, Rahn, Lienen — Thiele, Criens.

**Rangers:** Woods — Dawson, McPherson, Butcher, Munro — Bell (West 78), Souness, Ferguson, McMinn — Cooper, McCoist.

Rangers had Stewart Munro and Davie Cooper sent off in the last 15 minutes as Borussia qualified for the UEFA Cup quarter-finals for the first time since 1980. Yet for much of the game Borussia had been kept on the defensive by Rangers for whom Ally McCoist and Terry Butcher went close in the first half — McCoist clipping the bar with a 25-yard shot in only the eighth minute and Butcher having a header well saved.

The Scots gambled on player-manager Graeme Souness but he was rusty in his first match back after a lengthy injury absence and Rangers were further hampered by the absence of Ian Durrant, who scored their goal in the first leg. Durrant missed this return because of a leg injury.

It was not until the second half that the West Germans came to life and began to launch a few attacks of their own. Guenter Thiele, unmarked, shot wide in the 49th minute and was just too high with a header two minutes later.

Referee Ponnet booked six players: Rangers' Cooper, Ally Dawson and Derek Ferguson in the first half as well as Borussia's Uwe Rahn, Jorg Jung and Thiele. He then sent off Munro for a foul on Andreas Winkhold in the 75th minute while Cooper followed him to the dressing rooms when Ponnet booked him for a second time, for dissent, in the 86th.

Rangers' assistant manager Walter Smith said: "When you go away in Europe you expect referees to favour the home team. This one probably went a bit further than most."

**Hajduk Split 0**
**Dundee Utd 0**
**Att:** 32,500. **Ref:** Keizer (Hol)
*Dundee United 2-0 on agg*

**Hajduk:** Pralija — Miljus, Setinov, Andrijasevic, Vulic, Celic, Jerolimov, Peruzovic, Bursac, Asanovic, Deveric.

**Dundee Utd:** Thomson — McGuinness, Holt, McInally, Narey, Clark, Beaumont, Milne, Bannon, Gallacher, Redford.

Dundee United reached a European quarter-final for the fourth time in five seasons with a professional, containing display in the Poljud stadium. Hajduk did not play particularly well but the Scots had to cope without injured Maurice Malpas and Paul Sturrock. John Holt returned at left back after a length absence and Jim McInally would not have played had this been a league game, after a groin injury suffered in training.

The Yugoslavs dominated most of the play and their first serious attempt came from left wing Stjepan Deveric, whose header cleared the bar.

Dundee became bolder after the interval, venturing beyond midfield more frequently and exploiting apparent Yugoslav despondency. When Hajduk did recover their attacking nerve captain Luka Peruzovic had a 59th-minute header cleared off the line by Gary McGinnis.

The Scots' star after that was goalkeeper Billy Thomson, in particular for a fine save from Andrijasevic. Thomson pushed the Slav's 30-yard drive on to the bar and it bounced away to safety. The Hajduk fans responded by jeering their team's efforts for the rest of the match.

**IFK Gothenburg 4** (Johansson 44, Rantanen 50, Hysen 57, Larsson 64)
**Gent 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 15,103. **Ref:** Syme (Scot)
*IFK 5-0 on agg*

**IFK:** Tobiasson — M. Karlsson, Larsson, Hysen, Mordt, R. Nilsson, Holmberg, J. Karlsson, Holmgren, Rantanen, Johansson.

**Gent:** Laurijssen — De Wolf, Luccriel, De Kneef, Gijbels, Ruzic, Hinderyckx, Nollet, Hallaert, Verkaecke, Cordiez.

This was IFK's 19th consecutive UEFA Cup-tie without defeat, a run stretching back to 1981-2 when the Swedish part-timers captured Europe's number three tournament by defeating Hamburg in the final.

IFK dominated their 61st and final match of the Swedish spring-to-autumn season despite missing four injured players, including goalkeeper Thomas Wernersson. But it was not until just before half-time that they took the lead. Magnus Johansson, a speedy midfielder-striker, intercepted a poor back pass to score easily from close range.

Jari Rantanen, a big Finnish striker who had netted the winner in the first leg, made it 2-0 five minutes into the second half. Then Glenn Hysen headed in the third before his central defensive partner Peter Larsson added a fourth.



**Internazionale 0**
**Dukla Praha 0**
**Att:** 20,162. **Ref:** Quiniou. Played Dec 17
*Inter 1-0 on agg*

**Inter:** Zenga — Bergomi, Mandorlini, G. Baresi, Calcaterra, Passarella, Fanna, Piraccini, Altobelli, Matteoli (Yardelli 80), Rummenigge.

**Dukla:** Kostelnik — Griga, Novak, Fiala, Rada, Luhovy, Bittengel, Urban, Lausman (Vadura 75), Griga, Kriz (Vodicka 75), Fitzel.

This match had been started on December 11, but halted by referee Quinio after 77 minutes when Inter were leading 1-0 — through a Rummenigge goal — because of fog. Dukla altered their tactics for the replay and gave the Italians a tougher time, but Inter still deserved to go through.

**Tirol FC 2** (Roscher 70, Muller 72)
**Spartak Moscow 0**
**Ht:** 0-0. **Att:** 16,000. **Ref:** Gurucetá (Sp)
*Tirol 2-1 on agg*

**Tirol:** Ivkovic — Steinbauer, Kalinic, Messlender, Auer, Pacult (Strobl 89), Linzmaier, Koreimann, Roscher, Muller, Spielmann (Idl 65).

**Spartak:** Dassayev — Kasumov, B. Kuznetsov, Susloparov, Bubnov, Mitkin, E. Kuznetsov, Yeremenko, Novikov, Rudakov (Kapustin 11), Rodionov.

It was not until the last 20 minutes that Tirol scored the two goals which surprisingly eliminated Spartak at the end of a long and tiring Soviet season.

Alfred Roscher put Tirol ahead in the 70th minute when he shot a Robert Idl pass beyond keeper Rinat Dassâyev. Then veteran Johann Mueller capitalised on Soviet disarray a minute later to take Tirol further than they have ever been before in Europe.

The Austrians settled back in defence with Yugoslav keeper Tomislav Ivkovic foiling what few attacks Spartak put together in the last 20 minutes.

After a slow start, the Austrians got their attack moving in the 13th minute with Muller passing across the goalmouth to Michael Pacult. He delayed his shot too long, however, allowing the Spartak defence to regroup and block his shot.

At the other end Yevgeny Kuznetsov was well placed to score three minutes later after a pass from Alexei Yeremenko but his shot flew wide. Then it was again the turn of the Austrians as Roscher collected another incisive pass from Muller but shot inches wide. Tirol's Rudolf Steinbauer was also out of luck when Dassayev was for once caught out of position in the 34th minute, but the keeper got back in time to save.

**Vitoria Guimaraes 3** (Nascimento 29, Ndinga 39, Cascavel 62)
**Groningen 0**
**HT:** 2-0. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** Christov (Cz)
*Guimaraes 3-1 on agg*

**Guimaraes:** Jesus — Costeado, Miguel, Nene (Rui Vieira 75), Bassaula, Ndinga, Nascimento, Ademir, Adao, Cascavel (Toze 89), Roldao.

**Groningen:** Storm — Mason, De Wolf, Boekweg, Verkuyl, Van Dijk, Olde Rierkerink, Roossien, Van den Berg, Eykelkamp, Houtman.

Guimaraes dominated from the opening whistle with their two Zaire international stars — Bassaula and Ndinga — launching repeated attacks and breaking into the penalty box with a series of dangerous short-passing moves.

Brazilian striker Paulinho Cascavel set up the first goal in the 32nd minute when he ran on to a ball that he had flipped back over his head in the left of the penalty area. He crossed to Roldao on the penalty spot. Roldao pushed the ball back to Nascimento who drove it unstoppably into the top right-hand corner of the net from just outside the penalty area.

Cascavel was also behind the second goal ten minutes later, taking a pass in the centre of the penalty area with his back to the goal and pushing it back for Ndinga. The Zairean striker drove for goal from outside the penalty area and his shot gave Storm no chance.

### INTERNATIONAL REVIEW
### DECEMBER 6

**Valletta — Euro chp gp 2**
**Malta 0**
**Italy 2** (Ferri 11, Altobelli 19)
**HT:** 0-2. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Ture (Tur).

**Malta:** Bonello — Scicluna, MacKay (Azzopardi 33), Laferla, Holland, Buttigieg, Busuttil, R. Vella, Gregory (Scerri 83), Farrugia, De Giorgio.

**Italy:** Zenga — Bergomi, Nela, F. Baresi, R. Ferri, Bagni (De Napoli 65), Donadoni, Dossena (Matteoli 74), Altobelli, Giannini, Vialli.

An easy win for Italy thanks to their confident opening burst of two goals inside the first 20 minutes. Internazionale sweeper Ricardo Ferri scored the opener, the first Italian defender to score on his national team debut since the war. After a foul by De Giorgio on Bagni, the Milan youngster Roberto Donadoni swung a free kick into the Maltese penalty area for Ferri to head beyond Bonello. Eight minutes later Inter striker Alessandro Altobelli scored Italy's second with a spectacular header to a cross from Gianluca Vialli. The move had begun with a pass up to the winger from Milan's Franco Baresi. It was Altobelli's ninth goal of the year for Italy. But at that point his luck ran out. In the 33rd minute he saw a close-range effort blocked on the line with the goalkeeper beaten . . . then he missed TWO penalties in the second half. The first was awarded in the 47th minute when Donadoni was brought down by Azzopardi. Altobelli wasted the chance by shooting high over the bar. Then, in the 62nd minute, history repeated itself: again the foul was on Donadoni, and again Altobelli failed with his penalty shot which was stopped by Bonello.

### DECEMBER 21

**Limassol — European chp gp 5**
**Cyprus 0**
**Holland 2** (Gullit 19, Bosman 73)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Igna (Rum).

**Cyprus:** Charitou — Tsikos, Mauliotis, Misos, Socratous, Yiangudakis, Sava, Marangos (Nicolau 84), Savides, Ioannou (L. Mavroudis 46), Christofi.

**Holland:** Van Breukelen — Van Tiggelen, Spelbos, Silooy, Rijkaard (Vanenburg 65), Wouters, Van der Gijp, Muhren, Bosman, Gullit, Tahamata.

Holland went top of the group with this victory on a slippery, wet pitch and against opponents who may rate as minnows but who tackled and chased with the enthusiasm of hungry sharks. Holland dominated the game and would have won by a much larger margin, even so, had it not been for some fine saves by Cypriot goalkeeper Charitou. But even he was beaten in the 19th minute when Adri Van Tiggelen, the Anderlecht-based exile, provided a free kick from which Ruud Gullit headed home to confirm the talents which have lined him up with an option from Milan. At the other end John Ioannou was denied a rare Cypriot goal thanks only to a goal-line clearance from Sonny Silooy. Charitou made two fine stops from Tahamata and Gullit just before the interval and then Cyprus had the second of their few chances in the 62nd minute. Yiangudakis was brought down on the edge of the penalty area, the free kick led on to a corner but Van Breukelen grabbed the cross just in time. In the 73rd minute Holland went 2-0 up — again with a header, this time by the Ajax striker John Bosman from a Gullit cross.

### JANUARY 7

**Portalegre — friendly intl**
**Portugal 1** (Coelho 73)
**Greece 1** (Batsinilas 89)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Guruceta (Sp)

**Portugal:** Ze Beto — Costeado (Quim 46), Dito, Eduardo, Fernando Mendes (Mario Jorge 46) — Oceano, Jaime, Veloso, Adao — Manuel Fernandes (Nunes 60), Coelho.

**Greece:** Papadopulos — Apostilakis, Michos (Kolomitrousis 80), Manolas, Alavantas (Vamvakulas 64) — Antoniou, Bonavas, Papaioannu (Anastasiadis 72), Kofidis — Anastopulos (Batsinilas 80), Samaras.

European championship warm-up time for both teams, with Italy manager Azeglio Vicini an interested spectator. Portugal continued without their Mexico men even though a new inquiry into the Saltillo affair had just appeared to place more blame for the shambles on the eve of the World Cup on officials rather than on the players. After a tight first half Portugal took the lead after a move up the right featuring Jaime and Oceano. Adao centred and though Coelho mis-hit his shot, the ball squeezed out of Papadopulos's grasp, between Vamvakulas's legs and over the line. Portugal were getting ready to celebrate victory when the Greeks snatched a last-minute equaliser. Ze Beto came out for a cross, Benfica sweeper Dito didn't hear him and sliced the ball back over the keeper for substitute Batsinilas to push it into an empty net. Instead of being relieved, however, Greek manager Miltos Papostalu merely went home complaining that his team should have been 3-0 up at half-time.

### JANUARY 14

**Athens — Euro chp gp 5**
**Greece 3** (Anastopulos 54, 66, Bonovas 63)
**Cyprus 1** (Savva 60)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 35,000.

**Greece:** Papadopulos — Apostolakis, Vamvakulas, Manolas, Michos, Bonovas, Saravakos, Antoniou, Anastopulos, Papaioannu (Mitropoulos), Kofidis (Batsinilas 46).

**Cyprus:** Charitou — Pitos, Miamiliotis, Missos, Pantzarias, Yiangudakis, Mavrudis (Georgiou 87), Marangos (Nikolau 84), Christofi, Savva, Savvidis.

Greece overtook Holland to go back to the top of this group thanks to the leadership of match-winning skipper Nikos Anastopulos. Cyprus held out bravely in the first half in the new Olympic stadium but Anastopulos put Greece ahead in the 54th minute. Cyprus probably surprised even themselves by securing an equaliser six minutes later. A quick free kick caught the Greeks napping and Pavlos Savva shot home. They survived on level terms only three minutes, however. Then keeper Andreas Charitou allowed a 20-yard shot from Andreas Bonovas through the fingers and Greece were back ahead. This time they refused to relax and Anastopulos hit a Greek international record 24th goal with a solo effort.

### OTHER MATCHES

**Dec 3:** Vojvodina 1, Yugoslavia 1. **Dec 7:** Roma 1, Soviet Olym XI 2. **Dec 17:** Siena 0, Italy Olym XI 4. **Dec 19:** Buducnost Titograd 1, Yugoslavia 1. **Dec 21:** Velez Mostar 4, Yugoslavia 3. **Jan 7** (Las Palmas tmt semi-final): IFK Gothenburg 1, Czechoslovakia 3.

### EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP

85), Rumania 0. **Dec 2** (Berat): Albania 0, Spain 0.

pen), Hungary 1 (Kecskes 76). **Dec 2** (Nicosia): Cyprus 0, Greece 4 (Karasavides 5, 6, 51, Giorgiadis 9). **Jan 13** (Rhodes): Greece 5 (Vaitsis 20, 85, Kapuranis 22, Nioplias 26, Giorgiadis 32), Cyprus 1 (Cristodoulou 56).

(Sofia): Bulgaria 1, (Stoichkov 67). **Dec 3** (Luxembourg): Luxembourg 0, Holland 2 (Krommendijk 74, Van Velez 85).

# Classified Results — Tables

## SOUTH AMERICA

**Inter-American Cup** (between CONCACAF & South American club champions of 1985)

**December 10**

Defence Force (Trinidad-Tobago) 0 Argentinos Juniors (Argentina) (1) 1 (Valdez) — Att. 30,000 (played in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad)

**South American Games (Soccer tournament) in Chile**

(Qualifier — five teams — for 1987 Panamerican Games)

November 25 — Uruguay 1 Peru 0; Argentina 3 Colombia 1; Brazil 1 Paraguay 1; Ecuador 3 Venezuela 0; November 28 — Colombia 1 Uruguay 0; Peru 2 Argentina 1; November 29 — Chile 5 Venezuela 1; Paraguay 2 Bolivia 0; November 30 — Colombia 4 Peru 2; Argentina 1 Uruguay 1; December 1 — Brazil 3 Bolivia 0; Chile 1 Ecuador 0.

**Preliminary group standings**

| Group 1 | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Chile** | **2** | **2** | **0** | **0** | **6** | **1** | **4** |
| Ecuador | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Venezuela | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 0 |
| **Group 2** | | | | | | | |
| **Brazil** | **2** | **1** | **1** | **0** | **4** | **1** | **3** |
| Paraguay | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| Bolivia | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| **Group 3** | | | | | | | |
| Colombia | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 4 |
| **Argentina** | **3** | **1** | **1** | **1** | **5** | **4** | **3** |
| Uruguay | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| Peru | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 2 |

**Fifth place** (PA Games qualifier): Paraguay 1 Ecuador 1 after extra time — Chile won 4-3 on penalties. (December 3).

**Semi-finals** — Colombia 1 Brazil 1 after extra time — Colombia won 7-6 on penalties; Argentina 2 Chile 1 (December 4).

**Final** — ARGENTINA 2 (Marchesini, J. L. Rodriguez)

COLOMBIA 0

HT: 0-0

**Argentina:** Goycochea, Basualdo, Theiler, Marchesini, Domenech, Fantaguzzi, Giunta, Acosta, Gutierrez (Caniggia), Perazzo (Graciani), Rodriguez. **Colombia:** Torres, A. Gonzalez, Martinez (García), V. Gonzalez, Peña, Bernal (Zuluaga), Rodriguez, Gruesso, Diaz, Calero, Maturna. (Referee: Carlos Maciel, Paraguay.)

**Junior Internationals.** December 3 — Chile 1 Peru 1; December 11 — Argentina 1 Peru 0; December 17 — Argentina 0 Uruguay 1.

## AFRICA
## AFRICAN CHAMPIONS CUP

**Preliminary Round:** Etoile Filante (Burkina Faso) walkover v AS Ksar (Mauritania) withdrew; Pantherés Noires (Rwanda) v Wagad (Somalia) 3-0, 2-1 (4-2); Lioli (Lesotho) v Maji Maji (Tanzania) 2-3, 0-4 (2-7); Manzini Wanderers (Swaziland) v Atletico Sotema (Madagascar) 1-3, 2-3 (3-6); Scaf Tocages (Central African Republic) v Juvenil Real (Equatorial Guinea) 4-1, 2-1 (6-2); East End Lions (Sierra Leone) disqualified v Udib (Guinea-Bissau) walkover.

**First Round:** Jeunesse Electronique Tizi Ouzou (Algeria) v Etoile Filante (Burkina Faso) 5-0, 1-1 (6-1); Merriekh Khartoum (Sudan) v Esperance (Tunisia) 2-1, 0-1 (2-2); Zamalek (Egypt) v Pantheres Noires (Rwanda) 5-1, 1-1 (6-2); Dynamos (Zimbabwe) v Maji Maji (Tanzania) 5-1, Maji Maji withdrew from second leg. Kenya Breweries (Kenya) v Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) 0-0, 1-2 (1-2); Nkana Red Devils (Zambia) v Atletico Sotema (Madagascar) 4-1, 1-2 (5-3); Al-Dahrah (Libya) v Kampala City Council (Uganda) 2-1, 0-2 (2-3); Inter FC (Burundi) v US Tshinkunku (Zaire) 2-1, 1-1 (3-2); FC 105 (Gabon) v Scaf Tocages (Central African Republic) 1-0, 0-2 (1-2); Royal Armed Forces (Morocco, holders) walkover v Udib (Guinea-Bissau) withdrew. Horoya Conakry (Guinea) v Invincible XI (Liberia) 4-0, 1-3 (5-3); Hearts of Oak (Ghana) v Wallidan (Gambia) 2-0, 1-1 (3-1); Jeanne D'Arc (Senegal) v Maghreb Fez (Morocco) 0-0, 0-2 (0-2); Canon de Yaounde (Cameroon) v Primeiro de Maio (Angola) 3-0, 0-2 (3-2); African Sports (Ivory Coast) v Atlantic Renquins (Benin) 1-0, 0-1 (1-1); Africa Sports won on pens 4-2. AS Fosa (Togo) v New Nigerian Bank (Nigeria) 0-2, 0-2 (0-4).

**Second Round:** Jeunesse Electronique Tizi Ouzou (Algeria) v Esperance (Tunisia) 2-1, 0-1 (2-2); Zamalek (Egypt) v Dynamos (Zimbabwe) 2-1, 2-0 (4-1); Addis Ababa Breweries (Ethiopia) v Nkana Red Devils (Zambia) 0-0, 0-0 (0-0) Red Devils won 4-3 on pens. Kampala City Council (Uganda) v Inter FC (Burundi) 1-1, 2-1 (2-3); Scaf Tocages (Central African Republic) v Royal Armed Forces (Morocco) 0-1, 1-6 (1-7); Horoya Conakry (Guinea) v Hearts of Oak (Ghana) 1-2, 0-2 (1-4); Maghreb Fez (Morocco) v Canon de Yaounde (Cameroon) 1-0, 0-3 (1-3); Africa Sports (Ivory Coast) v New Nigerian Bank (Nigeria) 5-0, 0-2 (5-2).

**Quarter-finals:** Canon Yaounde (Cameroon) v Royal Armed Forces (Morocco, holders) 2-0, 0-1 (2-1); Inter FC (Burundi) v Zamalek (Egypt) 1-0, 0-3 (1-3); Africa Sports (Ivory Coast) v Esperance (Tunisia) 1-0, 0-0 (1-0); Nkana Red Devils (Zambia) v Hearts of Oak (Ghana) 2-0, 1-1 (3-1).

**Semi-finals:** Canon Yaounde (Cameroon) v Zamalek (Egypt) 2-1, 0-2 (2-3); Nkana Red Devils (Zambia) v Africa Sports (Ivory Coast) 0-1, 0-0 (0-1).

**Final:** Zamalek (Egypt) v Africa Sports (Ivory Coast) 2-0, 0-2 (Zamalek 4-2 pens).

## AFRICAN CUP-WINNERS CUP

**Preliminary Round:** Mbabane Highlanders (Swaziland) v Kiyovu (Rwanda) 4-2, 1-2 (5-4); Merreikh El Obeid (Sudan) v Tempete Mocaf (Central African Republic) 1-1, 0-1 (1-2); AS Police (Mauritania) withdrew v Kambui Eagles (Sierra Leone), walkover; Vital'O (Burundi) v Batrolka (Somalia) 1-0, 2-1 (3-1); Paramilitary Force (Lesotho) v Fortior (Madagascar) 0-0, 2-3 (2-3); Starlight (Gambia) v Benfica (Guinea Bissau) 3-1, 1-1 (4-2); El Nguema (Equatorial Guinea) v Bobo Dioulasso (Burkina Fasso) 0-0, 1-3 (1-3).

**First Round:** Mbabane Highlanders (Swaziland) v Eritrea Shoe Factory (Ethiopia) 1-1, 2-2 (3-3); National (Egypt, holders) v Express (Uganda) 2-0, 0-1 (2-1); Tempete Mocaf (Central African Republic) v Ismaili (Egypt) 2-0, 0-3 (2-3); Kambui Eagles (Sierra Leone) withdrew v MP Oran (Algeria), walkover; Vital'O (Burundi) v AFC Leopards (Kenya) 1-1, 0-1 (1-2); Ferroviario de Huila (Angola) v FC Kalamu (Zaire) 2-2, 0-1 (2-3); Fortior (Madagascar) v Miembini (Tanzania) 2-2, 0-1 (2-3); Highlanders (Zimbabwe) v Power Dynamos (Zambia) 1-3, 0-2 (1-5); Starlight (Gambia) v Diaraf Dakar (Senegal) 1-1, 1-1 (2-2) (Diaraf 4-2 on pens); Stade Malien (Mali) withdrew v Hammam Lif (Tunisia), walkover; Bobo Dioulsasso (Burkina Fasso) withdrew v Al Ahly (Libya), walkover; AS Kaloum (Guinea) v El Jadida (Morocco) 1-0, 0-2 (1-2); Mighty Barolle (Liberia) v Union Doula (Cameroon) 2-1, 0-0 (2-1); Faodan de Dapaon (Togo) v SC Gagnoa (Ivory Coast) 3-0, 1-2 (4-2); Sogara (Gabaon) v Secondi Hasaacas (Ghana) 3-0, 0-1 (3-1); Dragons Oeume (Benin) v Abiola Babes (Nigeria) 2-0, both teams disqualified from playing second leg.

**Second Round:** Mbabane Highlanders (Swaziland) v National (Egypt, holders) 0-5, 0-2 (0-7); Ismaili (Egypt) v MP Oran (Algeria) 1-0, 0-0 (1-0); AFC Leopards (Kenya) v FC Kalamu (Zaire) 1-1, 1-3 (2-4); Miembini (Tanzania) v Power Dynamos (Zambia) 1-1, 0-5 (1-6); Diaraf Dakar (Senegal) v Hammam Lif (Tunisia) 2-1, 0-1 (2-2); Al Ahly (Libya) suspended v El Jadida (Morocco), walkover; Mighty Barolle (Liberia) v Faodan de Dapaon (Togo) 3-2, 0-2 (3-4); AS Sogara (Gabon) bye.

**Quarter-Finals:** National (Egypt, holders) v Power Dynamos (Zambia) 2-0, 0-1 (2-1); FC Kalamu (Zaire) v Ismaili (Egypt) 2-0, 0-3 (2-3); El Jadida (Morocco) v Hammam Lif (Tunisia) 0-0, 0-0 (0-0), Hammam Lif won 3-4 on pens; AS Sogara (Gabon) v Faodan de Dapaon (Togo) 3-1, 1-2 (4-3).

**Semi-Finals:** National (Egypt, holders) v Ismaili (Egypt 0-0, 1-1 (1-1); Hammam Lif (Tunisia) v AS Sogara (Gabon) 0-0, 0-3 (0-3).

**Final:** National (Egypt, holders) v AS Sogara (Gabon) 3-0, second leg Dec 7 (Libreville) 0-2 (3-2).

## 1988 AFRICAN CUP OF NATIONS

**Preliminary Round:** Angola v Gabon 1-0, 0-1 (1-0); Angola won on pens; Central African Republic v Congo 1-2, 1-5 (1-7); Uganda v Somalia 5-0, 0-0 (5-0); Ethiopia v Tanzania 4-2, Ethiopia withdrew from second leg; Lesotho withdrew v Rwanda, walkover; Mauritius withdrew v Madagascar, walkover; Togo, walkover v Equatorial Guinea, withdrew; Mali withdrew v Tunisia, walkover; Sierra Leone v Liberia 2-1, 1-1 (3-2); Guinea v Gambia 2-1, 1-0 (3-1).

**First Round draw:** Zaire v Angola; Cote d'Ivoire v Congo; Cameroon v Uganda; Sudan v Tanzania; Malawi v Rwanda; Kenya v Madagascar; Nigeria v Togo; Algeria v Tunisia; Senegal v Guinea; Mozambique v Zimbabwe; Libya v Morocco.

● All ties to be completed by April 15.

**Second Round draw:** winner of Algeria-Tunisia v winner of Libya-Morocco; winner of Mozambique-Zimbabwe v winner of Kenya-Madagascar; winner of Senegal-Guinea v winner of Zaire-Angola; winner of Malawi-Rwanda v winner of Ivory Coast-Congo; winner of Nigeria-Togo v winner of Ghana-Sierra Leone; winner of Cameroun-Uganda v winner of Sudan-Tanzania. First-leg matches will be played between July 3 and 5 and the return by July 19, CAF said.

## ASIA
## ARAB CHAMPIONS' CUP

**Tunis:** Rasheed (Iraq) 1, Araby (Kuwait) 0; Helal (S. Arabia) 2, Jaish (Syria) 1; Rasheed 3, Jaish 1; Helal 0, Safakis (Tunisia) 0; Safakis 1, Araby 0; Helal 0, Araby 0; Rasheed 2, Helal 1; Safakis 1, Jaish 0; Rasheed 1, Safakis 0; Araby 2, Jaish 0.

| Final table | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **El Rasheed** | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 12 |
| **Safakis** | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 7 |
| **El Helal** | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 5 |
| **El Araby** | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| **El Jaish** | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 0 |

**Note: 3 points for a win, 1 for a draw.**

**URUGUAY: First Division**

| | P | W | D | L | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Nacional** | 22 | 12 | 9 | 1 | 33 |
| **Peñarol** | 22 | 10 | 8 | 4 | 28 |
| **Wanderers** | 22 | 7 | 11 | 4 | 25 |
| **Central Español** | 22 | 9 | 7 | 6 | 25 |
| **Progreso** | 22 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 23 |
| **Huracan Buceo** | 22 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 22 |
| **Defensor** | 22 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 21 |
| **Danubio** | 23 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 20 |
| **Bella Vista** | 22 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 20 |
| **Cerro** | 23 | 6 | 7 | 10 | 19 |
| **Rampla Juniors** | 22 | 6 | 5 | 11 | 19 |
| **Fenix** | 22 | 2 | 13 | 7 | 17 |
| **River Plate** | 22 | 4 | 8 | 10 | 16 |

**BRAZIL: National Championship (2nd stage)**

**After 16 games — two to go (top four of each group qualify for third stage, bottom two relegatred to second division): Group I: 1) Palmeiras 21 points; 2) Sao Paulo 20; 3) Joinville 18; 4) America Rio 15; 5) Santos 14; 6) Ponte Preta, Treze 11; 8) Bangú, Botafogo Rio 10. Group J: 1) Guarani 21; 2) Fluminense 20; 3) Flamengo 15; 4) Goias 14; 5) Gremio, Santa Cruz, Atletico Goiano 13; 8) Vitoria 10; 9) Central 9. Group K: 1) Portuguesa 18; 2)Cruzeiro, Atletico Paranense 17; 4) Bahia 16; 5) Nautico, CSA, Inter San Paulo 14; 8) Sport, Comercial 9. Group L: 1) Atletico Mineiro 21; 2) Corinthians 20; 3) Criciuma 16; 4) Vasco De Gama, Internacional 15; 6) Ceara 13; 7) Rio Branco 12; 8) Nacional 10 10; 9) Sobradinho 7.**

**ARGENTINA: First Division**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Newell's Old Boys** | 23 | 11 | 7 | 5 | 27 | 19 | 29 |
| **Independiente** | 23 | 10 | 8 | 5 | 37 | 23 | 28 |
| **San Lorenzo** | 23 | 10 | 8 | 5 | 27 | 22 | 28 |
| **Gimnasia La Plata** | 22 | 10 | 7 | 5 | 24 | 23 | 27 |
| **Velez Sarsfield** | 23 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 34 | 25 | 26 |
| **Rosario Central** | 23 | 8 | 10 | 5 | 37 | 31 | 26 |
| **Racing Córdoba** | 23 | 8 | 10 | 5 | 34 | 31 | 26 |
| **FC Oeste** | 23 | 7 | 12 | 4 | 23 | 20 | 26 |
| **Talleres Córdoba** | 23 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 34 | 42 | 25 |
| **Deportivo Español** | 23 | 9 | 5 | 9 | 19 | 17 | 23 |
| **Boca Juniors*** | 22 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 32 | 32 | 23 |
| **Racing (Avellaneda)** | 23 | 7 | 9 | 7 | 31 | 32 | 23 |
| **Instituto Córdoba** | 23 | 7 | 9 | 7 | 30 | 32 | 23 |
| **Estudiantes La Plata*** | 22 | 5 | 12 | 5 | 21 | 20 | 22 |
| **River Plate** | 22 | 6 | 9 | 7 | 22 | 23 | 21 |
| **Argentinos Juniors** | 23 | 3 | 12 | 8 | 33 | 25 | 18 |
| **Union Santa Fe** | 23 | 3 | 12 | 8 | 17 | 22 | 18 |
| **Platense** | 23 | 4 | 8 | 11 | 26 | 37 | 16 |
| **Temperly** | 23 | 4 | 7 | 12 | 16 | 30 | 15 |
| **Deportivo Italiano** | 23 | 2 | 9 | 12 | 17 | 35 | 13 |

***Match suspended after 40 minutes with Baco leading 1-0.**



# Classified Results — Tables

**BOTTOM RELEGATION POSITIONS (average points per game over last two seasons and current one — two go down): Instituto 0.95; Unión 0.82; Platense 0.79; Temperley 0.78; Dep. Italiano 0.54.**

**COLOMBIA: Professional League final round (2 games to go)**

| | P | W | D | L | BP | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **America Cali** | 12 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 20 |
| **Deportivo Cali** | 12 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 0.25 | 18.25 |
| **Millionarios Bogota** | 12 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 1.5 | 15.5 |
| **Junior Barranquilla** | 12 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 13 |
| **Independiente Medellin** | 12 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 1.25 | 12.25 |
| **Quindio** | 12 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 8 |
| **Caldas** | 12 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| **Nacional Medellin** | 12 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 7 |

**PERU: De-centralized Championship**

| Group A | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Alianza Lima** | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 15 | 3 | 9 |
| **Universitario** | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 7 |
| **Univ. Tec. Cajarmarca** | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 12 | 5 |
| **Juventud La Palma** | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| **Asoc. Deportiva Tarma** | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 3 |
| **Coronel Bolognesi** | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 2 |
| **Group B** | | | | | | | |
| **Deportivo Municipal** | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 7 |
| **San Agustin** | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 6 |
| **Union Minas** | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 5 |
| **Hungaritos** | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 4 |
| **Melgar** | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| **Defensor Anda** | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| **Group C** | | | | | | | |
| **Sport Boys** | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 8 | 5 | 7 |
| **Octavio Espinosa** | 5 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 7 | 5 |
| **Cienciano** | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 8 | 5 |
| **Sporting Cristal** | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 5 |
| **Atletico Grau** | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 9 | 4 |
| **Deportivo Pucallpa** | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 4 |

**BOLIVIA: Professional League (2nd stage)**

| Group A | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **The Strongest** | 12 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 25 | 15 | 17 |
| **Litoral** | 11 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 21 | 13 | 15 |
| **Petrolero** | 12 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 17 | 18 | 14 |
| **Blooming** | 12 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 18 | 13 | 13 |
| **Ciclon** | 12 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 14 | 19 | 11 |
| **Destroyers** | 11 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 16 | 15 | 9 |
| **Aurora** | 12 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 18 | 23 | 7 |
| **Bamin** | 10 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 23 | 6 |
| **Group B** | | | | | | | |
| **Bolivar** | 10 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 29 | 9 | 15 |
| **Wilsterman** | 11 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 25 | 18 | 15 |
| **Universitario** | 11 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 18 | 17 | 14 |
| **Oriente** | 11 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 15 | 16 | 11 |
| **Real Santa Cruz** | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 18 | 15 | 10 |
| **San José** | 11 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 11 | 7 | 7 |
| **Chaco** | 10 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 10 | 23 | 3 |

**ECUADOR: First Division final round**

**One game to go: 1) Nacional Quito 8 points; 2)Barcelona (Guayaquil) 6; 3) Tecnico Universitario (Ambato) 5; 4) Deportivo Cuenca 3.**

**COSTA RICA: First Division**

**1) Alajuelense, Puntarenas, Guancaste 29 points; 4) Heredia 23; 5) Cartago 22; 6) Saprissa, Limon 21; 8) San Ramon, San Carlos 20; 10) Sagrada Familia 14.**

**CHILE: First Division**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cobreloa | 27 | 12 | 12 | 3 | 37 | 20 | 36 |
| Cobresal | 26 | 11 | 13 | 3 | 41 | 22 | 35 |
| Palestino | 26 | 12 | 11 | 3 | 50 | 36 | 35 |
| Colo Colo | 26 | 12 | 9 | 5 | 36 | 19 | 33 |
| Dep. Concepción | 26 | 10 | 12 | 4 | 36 | 31 | 32 |
| Universidad Catolica | 27 | 12 | 7 | 8 | 45 | 30 | 31 |
| Unión Española | 27 | 9 | 11 | 7 | 41 | 36 | 29 |
| Naval | 26 | 7 | 13 | 6 | 31 | 29 | 27 |
| Fernandez Vial | 27 | 6 | 14 | 7 | 29 | 29 | 26 |
| Huachipato | 26 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 33 | 32 | 26 |
| Dep Iquique | 27 | 7 | 11 | 9 | 29 | 36 | 25 |
| San Luis | 27 | 6 | 13 | 8 | 32 | 35 | 25 |
| Universidad de Chile | 26 | 10 | 5 | 11 | 31 | 34 | 25 |
| Everton | 27 | 4 | 14 | 9 | 25 | 31 | 22 |
| Rangers | 27 | 5 | 12 | 10 | 24 | 34 | 22 |
| San Felipe | 27 | 5 | 11 | 11 | 29 | 42 | 21 |
| Audax Italiano | 27 | 4 | 8 | 15 | 21 | 53 | 16 |
| Magallanes | 27 | 4 | 6 | 17 | 30 | 52 | 14 |

**VENEZUELA: Professional League**

| | P | W | D | L | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Central Group** | | | | | |
| **Maritimo** | 11 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 19 |
| **Caracas FC** | 10 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 12 |
| **Italia** | 10 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 11 |
| **Anzoategui** | 11 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 9 |
| **Mineros Guayana** | 11 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 9 |
| **Galicia** | 10 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 7 |
| **Univ Central Venezuala** | 11 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 7 |
| **Western Group** | | | | | |
| Estudiantes Merida | 12 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 16 |
| Portuguesa | 11 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 14 |
| Tachira | 11 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 11 |
| Universidad Los Andes | 11 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 11 |
| Lara | 11 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 11 |
| Atletico Zamora | 11 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 8 |
| Llaneros | 11 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 7 |

**HONDURAS: First Division final round (final)**

1. Olimpa 10 points; 2. España 9; 3. Vida 2; 4. Platense 1.

**GUATEMALA: Professional Championship**

Two games to go (20 played) — 1. Aurora 33 points (virtual champions); 2. Galcasa 28; 3. Retalteca 27; 4. Comunicaciones 26; 5. Municipal 25; 6. Izabal 22; 7. Coban 20; 8. Jalapa 17; 9. Xelajul 15; 10. Suchitepequez 13; 11. Tipografia 7; 12. Amatitlan 7.

**MEXICO: First Division**

| Group 1 | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Univ Aut, Guadalajara | 18 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 30 | 24 | 21 |
| Monterrey | 18 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 22 | 20 | 21 |
| Necaxa | 18 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 16 | 24 | 14 |
| Atlante | 18 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 13 |
| Toluca | 18 | 1 | 11 | 6 | 13 | 22 | 13 |
| **Group 2** | | | | | | | |
| Guadalajara | 18 | 11 | 5 | 2 | 35 | 14 | 27 |
| Tampico-Madero | 18 | 10 | 3 | 5 | 31 | 23 | 23 |
| Universidad Nuevo Leon | 18 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 32 | 29 | 21 |
| Neza | 18 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 13 | 18 | 15 |
| Leon | 18 | 6 | 2 | 10 | 25 | 34 | 14 |
| **Group 3** | | | | | | | |
| Univ Auton, Mexico | 18 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 20 | 13 | 22 |
| Puebla | 18 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 27 | 22 | 18 |
| Universidad Guadalajara | 18 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 25 | 23 | 18 |
| Morelia | 18 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 27 | 30 | 18 |
| Atlas | 18 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 18 | 25 | 13 |
| **Group 4** | | | | | | | |
| Cruz Azul | 18 | 10 | 5 | 3 | 28 | 19 | 25 |
| America | 19 | 7 | 9 | 3 | 26 | 14 | 23 |
| Atletico Potosino | 18 | 5 | 8 | 5 | 16 | 21 | 18 |
| Irapuato | 18 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 22 | 23 | 15 |
| Angeles | 18 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 18 | 24 | 15 |
| Cobras | 18 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 14 | 31 | 13 |

**IRAQ**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| El Jaish | 16 | 10 | 6 | 0 | 28 | 6 | 26 |
| El Rasheed | 14 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 18 | 6 | 22 |
| El Shebab | 16 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 23 | 13 | 21 |
| Sala El Deen | 15 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 15 | 12 | 17 |
| El Zewra | 16 | 3 | 10 | 3 | 12 | 14 | 16 |
| El Telaba | 15 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 11 | 13 | 15 |
| El Tayeran | 15 | 3 | 9 | 3 | 11 | 12 | 15 |
| El Shurta | 16 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 14 | 14 | 14 |
| El Naft | 16 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 12 | 18 | 14 |
| El Bahry | 15 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 10 | 17 | 11 |
| El Sena | 16 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 17 | 10 |
| El Mausel | 16 | 0 | 5 | 11 | 3 | 25 | 5 |

## 1988 OLYMPIC GAMES
## (Qualifying tournament)
## EUROPE
### Preliminary round
### Group 1

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 10. | 9.86 | Liechtenstein — Switzerland | 0-10 |
| 23. | 9.86 | Switzerland — Liechtenstein | 9-0 |

Switzerland 19-0 on agg.

### Group 2

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 12.11.86 | | Cyprus — Greece | 1-2 |
| 10.12.86 | | Greece — Cyprus | |

### Final round

**Group A**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 18. | 4.87 | Rumania v W. Germany | |
| 20. | 5.87 | Rumania v Poland | |
| 10. | 6.87 | Denmark v Rumania | |
| 3. | 9.87 | Rumania v Denmark | |
| 13.10.87 | | W. Germany v Poland | |
| 28.10.87 | | Poland v Denmark | |
| 18.11.87 | | Denmark v W Germany | |
| 22. | 3.88 | W Germany v Denmark | |
| 30. | 3.88 | Poland v Rumania | |
| 27. | 4.88 | Poland v W Germany | |
| 18. | 5.88 | Denmark v Poland | |
| 31. | 5.88 | Germany v Rumania | |

***Cyprus-Greece fixtures still to be arranged**

**Group B**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3.12.86 | | Holland v E Germany | 0-1 |
| 18. | 2.87 | Italy v Portugal | |
| 25. | 2.87 | Portugal v Holland | |
| 25. | 3.87 | E Germany v Italy | |
| 15. | 4.87 | Italy v Iceland | |
| 28. | 4.87 | Portugal v E. Germany | |
| 26. | 5.87 | Iceland v Holland | |
| 2. | 9.87 | Iceland v E Germany | |
| 22. | 9.87 | E Germany v Holland | |
| 7.10.87 | | Portugal v Iceland | |
| 18.11.87 | | Italy v E Germany | |
| 24. | 2.88 | Portugal v Italy | |
| 9. | 3.88 | Holland v Italy | |
| 30. | 3.88 | Holland v Portugal | |
| 12. | 4.88 | E Germany v Portugal | |
| 13. | 4.88 | Italy v Holland | |
| 27. | 4.88 | Holland v Iceland | |
| 30. | 4.88 | E Germany v Iceland | |
| 24. | 5.88 | Iceland v Portugal | |
| 29. | 5.88 | Iceland v Italy | |

**Group C**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 19.11.86 | | Spain v Sweden | 1-1 |
| 19.11.86 | | Ireland Rep v Hungary | 1-2 |
| 3/4. | 4.87 | Ireland Rep v Spain | |
| 29. | 4.87 | France v Hungary | |
| 5. | 5.87 | Sweden v Ireland Rep | |
| 13. | 5.87 | Hungary v Spain | |
| 3. | 6.87 | Hungary v Sweden | |
| 16. | 6.87 | Sweden v France | |
| 12. | 8.87 | France v Ireland Rep | |
| 25. | 8.87 | Ireland Rep v Sweden | |
| 9. | 9.87 | Sweden v Hungary | |
| 22/23.9.87 | | Sweden v Spain | |
| 14.10.87 | | Spain v France | |
| 18.11.87 | | Ireland Rep v France | |
| 18.11.87 | | Spain v Hungary | |
| 23. | 3.88 | France v Spain | |
| 23. | 4.88 | Hungary v France | |
| 4. | 5.88 | Hungary v Ireland Rep | |
| 18. | 5.88 | Spain v Ireland Rep | |
| 26. | 5.88 | France v Sweden | |

**Group D**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 14.10.86 | | Norway v Sov Union | 0-0 |
| 8.11.86 | | Switzerland v Norway | 1-0 |
| 3.12.86 | | Turkey v Switzerland | 3-2 |
| 15. | 4.87 | Turkey v Sov Union | |
| 16. | 4.87 | Switzerlandv Bulgaria | |
| 6. | 5.87 | Norway v Turkey | |
| 7. | 5.87 | Bulgaria v Sov Union | |
| 26. | 5.87 | Norway v Bulgaria | |
| 12. | 8.87 | Sov Union v Norway | |
| 26. | 8.87 | Norway v Switzerland | |
| 7.10.87 | | Switzerland v Turkey | |
| 28.10.87 | | Switzerland v Sov Union | |
| 14.11.87 | | Bulgaria v Norway | |
| 18.11.87 | | Turkey v Norway | |
| 9.12.87 | | Turkey v Bulgaria | |
| 6. | 4.88 | Sov Union v Turkey | |
| 13. | 4.88 | Bulgaria v Switzerland | |
| 27. | 4.88 | Sov Union v Bulgaria | |
| 10. | 5.88 | Sov Union v Switzerland | |
| 25. | 5.88 | Bulgaria v Turkey | |

**Group E**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 14.10.86 | | Finland v Belgium | 0-2 |
| 29.10.86 | | Czechoslovakia v Belgium | 2-0 |
| 18.11.86 | | Belgium v Austria | 2-3 |
| 14. | 4.87 | Austria v Czechoslovakia | |
| 12. | 5.87 | Finland v Austria | |
| 3. | 6.87 | Austria v Yugoslavia | |
| 10. | 6.87 | Finland v Czechoslovakia | |
| 26. | 8.87 | Yugoslavia v Austria | |
| 2. | 9.87 | Yugoslavia v Finland | |
| 23. | 9.87 | Czechoslovakia v Finland | |
| 23. | 9.87 | Belgium v Yugoslavia | |
| 7.10.87 | | Belgium v Czechoslovakia | |
| 28.10.87 | | Belgium v Finland | |
| 28.10.87 | | Czechoslovakia v Yugoslavia | |
| 11.11.87 | | Austria v Belgium | |
| 2.12.87 | | Yugoslavia v Belgium | |
| 12. | 4.88 | Czechoslovakia v Austria | |
| 27. | 4.88 | Yugoslavia v Czechoslovakia | |
| 18. | 5.88 | Finland v Yugoslavia | |
| 31. | 5.88 | Austria v Finland | |

## SOUTH AMERICA

Tournament in Bolivia to decide two S. American qualifiers for the finals. Entries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Uruguay, Venezuela, Peru.

## CENTRAL/NORTH AMERICA
### Preliminary round
### Group A

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 25. | 1.87 | Bahamas v Guyana | |
| 22. | 2.87 | Guyana v Bahamas (A/B) | |
| 19. | 4.87 | Antigua v Dominican Repuplic | |
| 3. | 5.87 | Dominican Republic v Antigua (C/D) | |
| 10. | 5.87 | Trinidad/Tobago v Surinam | |
| 17. | 5.87 | Surinam v Trinidad/Tobago (E/F) | |
| 22. | 3.87 | Barbados v Jamaica | |
| 5. | 4.87 | Jamaica v Barbados (C/H) | |

# Classified Results

Second round
Winners A/B v C/D
C/D v A/B
Winners E/F v G/H
G/H v E/F
Winners qualify for final round of qualifiers

Group B
First round
23. 5.87 Canada v USA
30. 5.87 USA v Canada
4. 4.87 Bermuda v Mexico
24. 5.87 Mexico v Bermuda
Winners qualify for final round of qualifiers

Group C
First round
19. 4.87 Panama v El Salvador
17. 5.87 El Salvador v Panama
17. 5.87 Honduras v Guatemala
31. 5.87 Guatemala v Honduras
Winners qualify for final round of qualifiers

Final round
Between winners of Groups A, B and C. The winners and runners-up of this final round qualify for Seoul.

ASIA

West Asia
Group 1 (Bahrain, Oman, Saudi Arabia)
6. 4.87 Bahrain v Oman
10. 4.87 Saudi Arabia v Oman
14. 4.87 Saudi Arabia v Bahrain
18. 4.87 Oman v Bahrain
22. 4.87 Oman v Saudi Arabia
27. 4.87 Bahrain v Saudi Arabia

Group 2 (Iraq, Jordan, United Arab Emirates)
Dates and venues not yet known

Group 3 (Qatar, Syria, N. Yemen)
20. 2.87 N. Yemen v Syria
6. 3.87 Syria v Qatar
13. 3.87 Qatar v N. Yemen
15. 4.87 N. Yemen v Qatar
24. 4.87 Qatar v Syria
26. 6.87 Syria v N. Yemen

Group 4 (Iran, Kuwait, Yemen AR)
Dates and venues not yet known

East Asia
Group 1 (India, Nepal, Pakistan)
(Tournament in Katmandu, Nepal)
18. 4.87 Nepal v India
20. 4.87 India v Pakistan
22. 4.87 Pakistan v Nepal
24. 4.87 India v Nepal
26. 4.87 Pakistan v India
28. 4.87 Nepal v Pakistan

Group 2 (N. Korea, Thailand, Malaysia)
(Tournament in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia — Dates not yet known)

Group 3 (Brunei, Indonesia, Japan, Singapore)
21. 3.87 Singapore v Brunei
29. 3.87 Brunei v Singapore
4. 4.87 Singapore v Indonesia
8. 4.87 Japan v Indonesia
12. 4.87 Japan v Singapore
17. 4.87 Brunei v Indonesia
24. 4.87 Japan v Brunei
26. 4.87 Indonesia v Singapore
14. 6.87 Singapore v Japan
21. 6.87 Brunei v Japan
26. 6.87 Indonesia v Japan
30. 6.87 Indonesia v Brunei

Group 4 (China, Hong Kong, Philippines)
22. 3.87 Philippines v Hong Kong
5. 4.87 Hong Kong v Philippines
11. 4.87 China v Philippines
19. 4.87 Hong Kong v China
25. 4.87 Philipines v China
10. 5.87 China v Hong Kong

Final round
**West Asia group:** Winners of all first round groups play-off home and away. Winners qualify for Seoul.
**East Asia group:** Winners of all first round groups play-off home and away. Winners qualify for Seoul.
**Note:** Iraq and Iran cannot play home matches on their own territory.

OCEANIA/ISRAEL
Preliminary round
**Group 1:** Australia, Taiwain, Papua New Guinea.
**Group 2:** Fiji, New Zealand, W. Samoa. League systems: Home-away matches to decide group winners. Runners-up play home-away to decide third qualifier for final round.

Final round
Winners of Group 1, of Group 2 plus runners-up as well as Israel. Play-off group organised in one country. Winners qualify for Seoul.

AFRICA
Preliminary round
16.11.86 Rwanda v Malawi 2-5
30.11.86 Malawi v Rwanda 0-3
Malawi 8-2 on aggregate
Swaziland w/o v Mauritius
Botswana w/o v Madagascar

First round
Egypt v Kenya
Kenya v Egypt (7/8)
S. Leone v Tunisia
Tunisia v S. Leone (9/10)
Malawi v Cameroon
Cameroon v Malawi (11/12)
Ghana v Senegal
Senegal v Ghana (13/14)
Gambia v Morocco
Morocco v Gambia (15/16)
Guinea v Iv. Coast
Iv. Coast v Guinea (17/18)
Sudan v Algeria
Algeria v Sudan (19/20)
Ethiopia v Libya
Libya v Ethiopia (21/22)
Botswana v Zambia
Zambia v Botswana (23/24)
Uganda v Mozambique
Mozambique v Zambia (25/26)
Liberia v Nigeria
Nigeria v Liberia (27/28)
Swaziland v Zimbabwe
Zimbabwe v Swaziland (29/30)

Second round
Home-away ties between winners of first round pairings.

Third round
Integral home-away draw between the six qualified teams. Three teams qualify for Seoul.


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# Classified Results

ALGERIA

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sétif | 18 | 10 | 5 | 3 | 18 | 8 | 25 |
| MP Alger | 18 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 25 | 18 | 23 |
| Belcourt | 18 | 8 | 8 | 4 | 25 | 18 | 22 |
| Borji Ménalel | 18 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 19 | 13 | 22 |
| ASC Oran | 18 | 7 | 8 | 3 | 14 | 9 | 22 |
| Tiemcen | 18 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 17 | 12 | 21 |
| Collo | 18 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 19 | 17 | 20 |
| Relizane | 18 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 28 | 21 | 19 |
| Ain M'Illa | 18 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 18 | 17 | 19 |
| Tizi Ouzou | 18 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 19 | 10 | 18 |
| MP Oran | 18 | 5 | 8 | 5 | 21 | 20 | 18 |
| Gueims | 18 | 5 | 8 | 5 | 11 | 13 | 18 |
| Annaba | 18 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 16 | 18 | 16 |
| El Harrach | 18 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 15 | 17 | 16 |
| Chief | 18 | 4 | 8 | 8 | 12 | 25 | 16 |
| Ain Beida | 18 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 15 | 20 | 15 |
| Boufarik | 18 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 14 | 20 | 14 |
| Mascara | 18 | 2 | 8 | 8 | 12 | 20 | 12 |
| Constantine | 18 | 2 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 20 | 12 |
| Saïda | 18 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 6 | 19 | 12 |

EGYPT

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| El Ahly | 9 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 13 | 4 | 20 |
| Zamslek | 9 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 11 | 5 | 18 |
| Ar. Contractors | 10 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 11 | 8 | 17 |
| Mehalla | 10 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 12 | 5 | 15 |
| Recreation | 10 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 14 |
| Ismalil | 9 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 10 | 8 | 14 |
| Tersana | 9 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 10 | 7 | 13 |
| Damlitex | 10 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 13 |
| Misri | 10 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 12 | 10 |
| Mansoura | 10 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 7 |
| El Marrick | 10 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 18 | 6 |
| Suez | 10 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 10 | 4 |

MOROCCO
Group A

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FAR Rabat | 14 | 10 | 4 | 0 | 30 | 8 | 38 |
| WAC Casablanca | 14 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 26 | 8 | 32 |
| Sidi Kacem | 14 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 17 | 17 | 30 |
| MCO Oujda | 14 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 18 | 20 | 30 |
| KACM Marrak | 14 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 13 | 10 | 30 |
| FA Benslimane | 14 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 14 | 12 | 29 |
| OC Khouribga | 14 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 14 | 14 | 29 |
| CODM Meknos | 14 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 17 | 16 | 27 |
| AS Salé | 14 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 14 | 25 |
| Laayoune | 14 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 13 | 24 | 24 |
| Chabb Moh | 14 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 11 | 10 | 23 |
| RS Kénitra | 14 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 11 | 30 | 19 |

Group B

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hassania Agadir | 14 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 16 | 9 | 35 |
| FUS Rabat | 14 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 12 | 5 | 33 |
| KAS Kénitra | 14 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 17 | 10 | 32 |
| Raja Casablanca | 14 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 16 | 10 | 31 |
| RS Settat | 14 | 2 | 10 | 2 | 11 | 11 | 28 |
| US Touarga | 15 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 13 | 19 | 27 |
| Hilal Nador | 14 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 11 | 27 |
| USMohammedia | 14 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 15 | 18 | 27 |
| RS Berkane | 14 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 13 | 13 | 25 |
| MAS Fès | 14 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 13 | 12 | 25 |
| El Jadida | 14 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 24 |
| Belksiri | 14 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 17 | 21 |

TANZANIA
Play-offs final table

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Maji Maji | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 7 |
| Miembeni | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 6 |
| Tukuyu Stars | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 6 |
| KM KM | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 5 |

TURKEY

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Galatsaray | 18 | 10 | 7 | 1 | 29 | 13 | 27 |
| Samsunspor | 18 | 11 | 4 | 3 | 29 | 9 | 26 |
| Besiktas | 18 | 10 | 5 | 3 | 32 | 13 | 25 |
| Trabzonspor | 18 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 24 | 12 | 22 |
| Fenerbahce | 18 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 22 | 14 | 21 |
| Genclerbirligi | 18 | 4 | 12 | 2 | 17 | 18 | 20 |
| Sarlyerspor | 18 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 23 | 14 | 19 |
| Eskisehirspor | 18 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 13 | 8 | 19 |
| Altay | 18 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 23 | 20 | 19 |
| Malatyaspor | 18 | 8 | 2 | 8 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| Denizlispor | 18 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 18 | 15 | 17 |
| Ankaragucu | 18 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 22 | 24 | 15 |
| Zonguldakspor | 18 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 11 | 19 | 15 |
| Boluspor | 18 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 21 | 31 | 15 |
| Rizespor | 18 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 16 | 32 | 15 |
| Kocaelispor | 18 | 3 | 8 | 7 | 10 | 21 | 14 |
| Antalyaspor | 18 | 5 | 3 | 10 | 17 | 34 | 13 |
| Bursaspor | 18 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 13 | 23 | 11 |
| Diyarbakirspor | 18 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 12 | 31 | 11 |

LUXEMBOURG

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jeunesse | 14 | 12 | 2 | 0 | 43 | 6 | 26 |
| Avenir | 14 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 36 | 16 | 21 |
| Spora | 14 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 33 | 17 | 18 |
| Niederkorn | 14 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 25 | 12 | 17 |
| Red Boys | 14 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 25 | 19 | 16 |
| Grevenmacher | 14 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 22 | 25 | 15 |
| Union | 14 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 20 | 15 | 14 |
| Alliance | 14 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 18 | 28 | 12 |
| Hosperance | 14 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 16 | 32 | 10 |
| Wiltz | 14 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 13 | 12 | 8 |
| Elechen | 14 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 12 | 35 | 7 |
| Petange | 14 | 0 | 4 | 10 | 8 | 33 | 4 |

N. IRELAND

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Coleraine | 21 | 13 | 5 | 4 | 46 | 21 | 29 |
| Linfield | 21 | 13 | 5 | 3 | 34 | 14 | 29 |
| Larne | 21 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 31 | 20 | 26 |
| Glentoran | 21 | 10 | 5 | 6 | 41 | 28 | 25 |
| Ards | 21 | 10 | 5 | 6 | 33 | 28 | 25 |
| Newry | 21 | 9 | 5 | 7 | 28 | 18 | 23 |
| Glenavon | 21 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 28 | 18 | 23 |
| Cliftonville | 21 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 29 | 21 | 22 |
| Ballymens | 21 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 31 | 35 | 22 |
| Crusaders | 21 | 8 | 3 | 9 | 29 | 32 | 19 |
| Bangor | 21 | 7 | 1 | 13 | 25 | 40 | 15 |
| Carrick | 21 | 5 | 4 | 12 | 24 | 42 | 14 |
| Portadown | 21 | 1 | 11 | 9 | 20 | 30 | 13 |
| Distillery | 21 | 2 | 3 | 16 | 16 | 50 | 7 |

REP. IRELAND

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Shamrock R. | 13 | 10 | 3 | 0 | 28 | 3 | 23 |
| Waterford | 13 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 27 | 14 | 19 |
| Dundalk | 13 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 24 | 13 | 16 |
| Bohemians | 13 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 19 | 15 | 16 |
| St Patrick | 13 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 13 | 12 | 14 |
| Galway | 13 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 16 | 16 | 12 |
| Bray | 13 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 15 | 18 | 12 |
| Home Farm | 13 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 15 | 25 | 11 |
| Cork | 13 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 19 | 21 | 10 |
| Sligo | 13 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 16 | 29 | 8 |
| Limerick | 13 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 15 | 25 | 8 |
| Athione | 13 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 14 | 24 | 7 |

PORTUGAL

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Benfica | 17 | 12 | 4 | 1 | 32 | 17 | 28 |
| Guimaraes | 17 | 11 | 5 | 1 | 32 | 12 | 27 |
| FC Porto | 17 | 10 | 6 | 1 | 43 | 15 | 26 |
| Sport. Lisbon | 17 | 9 | 3 | 5 | 29 | 16 | 21 |
| Belenenses | 17 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 25 | 16 | 19 |
| Varzim | 17 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 13 | 12 | 19 |
| Dep. Chaves | 17 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 22 | 24 | 19 |
| Portimonense | 17 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 15 | 26 | 15 |
| Salgueiros | 17 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 14 | 24 | 14 |
| Ac. Coimbra | 17 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 13 | 21 | 14 |
| Boavista | 17 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 18 | 21 | 13 |
| Rio Ave | 17 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 19 | 25 | 13 |
| Maritimo | 17 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 15 | 24 | 13 |
| Sport. Braga | 17 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 12 |
| Elvas | 17 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 11 | 28 | 10 |
| Farense | 17 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 15 | 31 | 9 |

SCOTLAND

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Celtic | 29 | 18 | 7 | 4 | 61 | 24 | 43 |
| Rangers | 28 | 19 | 4 | 5 | 53 | 14 | 42 |
| Dundee United | 28 | 17 | 6 | 5 | 47 | 23 | 40 |
| Hearts | 28 | 15 | 8 | 5 | 48 | 24 | 38 |
| Aberdeen | 27 | 13 | 10 | 4 | 39 | 19 | 36 |
| Dundee | 26 | 1 | 5 | 10 | 40 | 34 | 27 |
| St Mirren | 28 | 8 | 9 | 11 | 28 | 32 | 25 |
| Hibernian | 29 | 6 | 8 | 15 | 25 | 49 | 20 |
| Motherwell | 28 | 5 | 9 | 14 | 27 | 45 | 19 |
| Falkirk | 27 | 6 | 6 | 15 | 23 | 45 | 18 |
| Clydebank | 29 | 5 | 6 | 18 | 22 | 81 | 16 |
| Hamilton | 27 | 2 | 6 | 19 | 24 | 65 | 10 |

ITALY

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Napoli | 15 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 23 | 10 | 22 |
| Inter | 15 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 19 | 7 | 20 |
| Milan | 15 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 15 | 7 | 19 |
| Juventus | 15 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 20 | 13 | 19 |
| Roma | 15 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 22 | 12 | 18 |
| Véron | 15 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 17 | 14 | 18 |
| Sampdoria | 15 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 16 | 13 | 15 |
| Còmo | 15 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 9 | 15 |
| Torino | 15 | 6 | 3 | 8 | 17 | 17 | 15 |
| Avellino | 15 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 12 | 20 | 13 |
| Empoli | 15 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 19 | 12 |
| Florentina | 14 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 11 | 14 | 11 |
| Brescia | 15 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 13 | 11 |
| Atlante | 14 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 15 | 8 |
| Ascoli | 15 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 5 | 21 | 8 |
| Udinese* | 15 | 3 | 8 | 4 | 11 | 15 | 5 |

*Udinese minus 9pts.

SPAIN

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FC Barcelone | 22 | 13 | 9 | 1 | 30 | 9 | 33 |
| Real Madrid | 22 | 11 | 9 | 2 | 39 | 19 | 31 |
| Espanol | 22 | 12 | 6 | 4 | 36 | 18 | 30 |
| Bilbao | 22 | 10 | 6 | 6 | 31 | 22 | 26 |
| Atletico Madrid | 22 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 25 | 25 | 23 |
| Betis | 22 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 22 | 27 | 23 |
| Séville | 22 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 29 | 21 | 22 |
| Mallorca | 22 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 30 | 29 | 22 |
| Valladolid | 22 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 24 | 23 | 22 |
| Gijon | 22 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 24 | 23 | 22 |
| Real Sociedad | 22 | 8 | 5 | 9 | 27 | 23 | 21 |
| Cadiz | 22 | 7 | 5 | 10 | 15 | 24 | 19 |
| Murcia | 22 | 8 | 3 | 11 | 21 | 34 | 19 |
| Zaragoza | 22 | 8 | 6 | 10 | 19 | 25 | 18 |
| Las Palmas | 22 | 7 | 4 | 11 | 29 | 38 | 18 |
| Santander | 22 | 5 | 7 | 10 | 21 | 32 | 17 |
| Osasuna | 22 | 3 | 9 | 10 | 13 | 25 | 15 |
| Sabadall | 22 | 4 | 7 | 11 | 22 | 41 | 15 |

TUNISIA

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Etolle | 13 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 20 | 12 | 36 |
| JS Kalrouan | 13 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 17 | 9 | 35 |
| Esperance | 12 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 13 | 9 | 33 |
| US Monastir | 13 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 16 | 12 | 33 |
| Hammam Lif | 13 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 15 | 9 | 32 |
| Ca Bizerta | 13 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 14 | 15 | 32 |
| Club African | 13 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 10 | 9 | 31 |
| Stade Tunisien | 13 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 14 | 13 | 30 |
| CO Transport | 12 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 12 | 11 | 30 |
| CS Sfaxien | 13 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 14 | 15 | 27 |
| Ol Beja | 13 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 12 | 14 | 27 |
| OC Kerkennah | 13 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 12 | 15 | 26 |
| AS Marsa | 13 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 7 | 22 | 21 |
| SR Sports | 13 | 0 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 14 | 19 |

ENGLAND

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Arsenal | 24 | 15 | 6 | 3 | 41 | 13 | 51 |
| Everton | 24 | 14 | 5 | 5 | 47 | 20 | 47 |
| Liverpool | 24 | 12 | 6 | 6 | 42 | 24 | 42 |
| Nottingham F. | 24 | 11 | 6 | 7 | 46 | 32 | 39 |
| Luton | 24 | 11 | 6 | 7 | 26 | 23 | 39 |
| Norwich | 24 | 10 | 9 | 5 | 33 | 33 | 39 |
| Tottenham | 24 | 11 | 5 | 8 | 38 | 29 | 38 |
| Coventry | 23 | 10 | 6 | 7 | 26 | 24 | 36 |
| Wimbledon | 24 | 11 | 2 | 11 | 33 | 32 | 35 |
| West Ham | 24 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 37 | 41 | 34 |
| Watford | 24 | 9 | 6 | 9 | 40 | 31 | 33 |
| Sheffield | 24 | 8 | 9 | 7 | 38 | 38 | 33 |
| Manchester Utd | 24 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 31 | 28 | 29 |
| Oxford | 24 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 28 | 38 | 29 |
| Queens Park R | 24 | 7 | 6 | 11 | 24 | 31 | 27 |
| Manchester C | 24 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 24 | 34 | 26 |
| Southampton | 23 | 7 | 4 | 12 | 37 | 46 | 25 |
| Chelsea | 24 | 6 | 7 | 11 | 28 | 43 | 25 |
| Charlton | 24 | 6 | 6 | 12 | 25 | 35 | 24 |
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| Olymplakos | 13 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 28 | 12 | 22 |
| OFI | 13 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 20 | 15 | 17 |
| Psok | 12 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 20 | 9 | 16 |
| Irakilis | 13 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 19 | 12 | 16 |
| Panathinaikos | 13 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 13 | 9 | 16 |
| Panionios | 13 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 13 | 8 | 14 |
| Diagoras | 13 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 20 | 17 | 12 |
| Larissa | 13 | 6 | 0 | 7 | 9 | 16 | 12 |
| Verria | 12 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 13 | 18 | 11 |
| AEK* | 13 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 17 | 13 | 11 |
| Aris | 13 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 15 | 16 | 11 |
| Doxa | 13 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 16 | 17 | 10 |
| Ethnikos | 13 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 14 | 21 | 9 |
| Kalamaria | 13 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 23 | 9 |
| Apollon | 13 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 20 | 9 |
| Loannina | 13 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 16 | 8 |

*Note: AEK minus 3 points

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| Ajax | 19 | 16 | 2 | 1 | 56 | 14 | 34 |
| PSV | 19 | 15 | 3 | 1 | 57 | 12 | 33 |
| Feyenoord | 19 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 35 | 27 | 23 |
| Den Bosch | 19 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 26 | 22 | 22 |
| Roda | 18 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 26 | 25 | 21 |
| Twente | 19 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 22 | 24 | 20 |
| Sparta | 18 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 33 | 27 | 18 |
| VVV | 19 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 21 | 29 | 18 |
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| Utrecht | 19 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 28 | 33 | 17 |
| PEC | 18 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 35 | 31 | 16 |
| Den Haag | 17 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 23 | 29 | 15 |
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| Fortuna S | 19 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 24 | 33 | 15 |
| Veendam | 18 | 2 | 10 | 6 | 18 | 25 | 14 |
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### Group 1
(Spain, Rumania, Austria, Albania)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 10. 9.86 | Rumania — Austria | 4-0 |
| 15.10.86 | Austria — Albania | 3-0 |
| 12.11.86 | Spain — Rumania | 1-0 |
| 3.12.86 | Albania — Spain | 1-2 |
| 25. 3.86 | Rumania — Albania | |
| 1. 4.87 | Austria — Spain | |
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| 29. 4.87 | Rumania — Spain | |
| 14.10.87 | Spain — Austria | |
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| 18.11.87 | Spain — Albania | |
| 18.11.87 | Austria — Rumania | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Spain | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Rumania | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| Austria | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| Albania | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 0 |

**Scorers:** Iovan (Rum) 2; Michel, Arteche, Joaquin (Sp), Lacatus, Hagi (Rum), Orgris, Polster, Linzmaier (Aus), Muca (Alb) 1 each.

### Group 2
(Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, Italy, Malta)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 24. 9.86 | Sweden — Switzerland | 2-0 |
| 12.10.86 | Portugal — Sweden | 1-1 |
| 29.10.86 | Switzerland — Portugal | 1-1 |
| 15.11.86 | Italy — Switzerland | 3-2 |
| 16.11.86 | Malta — Sweden | 0-5 |
| 6.12.86 | Malta — Italy | 0-2 |
| 24. 1.87 | Italy — Malta | |
| 14. 2.87 | Portugal — Italy | |
| 29. 3.87 | Portugal — Malta | |
| 15. 4.87 | Switzerland — Malta | |
| 6. 5.87 | Sweden — Malta | |
| 23. 5.87 or | | |
| 3. 6.87 | Sweden — Italy | |
| 10. 6.86 or | | |
| 17. 6.87 | Switzerland — Sweden | |
| 23. 9.87 | Sweden — Portugal | |
| 17.10.87 | Switzerland — Italy | |
| 11.11.87 | Portugal — Switzerland | |
| 14.11.87 | Italy — Sweden | |
| 15.11.87 | Malta — Switzerland | |
| 5.12.87 | Italy — Portugal | |
| 20.12.87 | Malta — Portugal | |

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sweden | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 5 |
| Italy | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 4 |
| Portugal | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Switzerland | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Malta | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 0 |

**Scorers:** Ekstrom (Swe) 4; Altobelli (It) 3; Magnusson (Swe) 2; Stromberg, Fredriksson (Swe), Coelho, Fernandes (Por), Donadoni, Ferri (It), Bregy, Brigger, Weber (Swz) 1 each.

### Group 3
(France, Sov. Union, E. Germany, Norway, Iceland)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 10. 9.86 | Iceland — France | 0-0 |
| 24. 9.86 | Iceland — Sov. Union | 1-1 |
| 24. 9.86 | Norway — E. Germany | 0-0 |
| 11.10.86 | France — Sov. Union | 0-2 |
| 29.10.86 | Sov. Union — Norway | 4-0 |
| 29.10.86 | E. Germany — Iceland | 2-0 |
| 19.11.86 | E. Germany — France | 0-0 |
| 29. 4.87 | France — Iceland | |
| 29. 4.87 | Sov. Union — E. Germany | |
| 3. 6.87 | Norway — Sov. Union | |
| 3. 6.87 | Iceland — E. Germany | |
| 16. 6.87 | Norway — France | |
| 9. 9.87 | Sov. Union — France | |
| 9. 9.87 | Iceland — Norway | |
| 23. 9.87 | Norway — Iceland | |
| 10.10.87 | E. Germany — Sov. Union | |
| 14.10.87 | France — Norway | |
| 28.10.87 | Sov. Union — Iceland | |
| 28.10.87 | E. Germany — Norway | |
| 18.11.87 | France — E. Germany | |

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sov. Union | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 5 |
| E. Germany | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| Iceland | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| France | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Norway | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 |

**Scorers:** Belanov (SU) 2; Sulakveldize, Litovechenko, Rats, Nlokin, Khidiatulin (SU), Thom, Kirsten (EG), Gudjohnsen (Ice) 1 each.

### Group 4
(England, N. Ireland, Turkey, Yugoslavia)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 15.10.86 | England — N. Ireland | 3-0 |
| 29.10.86 | Yugoslavia — Turkey | 4-0 |
| 12.11.86 | England — Yugoslavia | 2-0 |
| 12.11.86 | Turkey — N. Ireland | 0-0 |
| 1. 4.87 | N. Ireland — England | |
| 29. 4.87 | N. Ireland — Yugoslavia | |
| 29. 4.87 | Turkey — England | |
| 14.10.87 | Yugoslavia — N. Ireland | |
| 14.10.87 | England — Turkey | |
| 11.11.87 | Yugoslavia — England | |
| 11.11.87 | N. Ireland — Turkey | |
| 16.12.87 | Turkey — Yugoslavia | |

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| England | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 4 |
| Yugoslavia | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| N. Ireland | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Turkey | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 |

**Scorers:** Zlatko Vujovic (Yug) 3; Linekar (Eng) 2; Waddle, Mabbutt, Anderson (Eng), Savicevic (Yug) 1 each.

### Group 5
(Holland, Hungary, Poland, Greece, Cyprus)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 15.10.86 | Hungary — Holland | 0-1 |
| 15.10.86 | Poland — Greece | 2-1 |
| 12.11.86 | Greece — Hungary | 2-1 |
| 19.11.86 | Holland — Poland | 0-0 |
| 3.12.86 | Cyprus — Greece | 2-4 |
| 21.12.86 | Cyprus — Holland | 0-2 |
| 14. 1.87 | Greece — Cyprus | 3-1 |
| 8. 2.87 | Cyprus — Hungary | |
| 25. 3.87 | Holland — Greece | |
| 12. 4.87 | Poland — Cyprus | |
| 29. 4.87 | Greece — Poland | |
| 29. 4.87 | Holland — Hungary | |
| 17. 5.87 | Hungary — Poland | |
| 23. 9.87 | Poland — Hungary | |
| 14.10.87 | Hungary — Greece | |
| 14.10.87 | Poland — Holland | |
| 28.10.87 | Holland — Cyprus | |
| 11.11.87 | Cyprus — Poland | |
| 2.12.87 | Hungary — Cyprus | |
| 16.12.87 | Greece — Holland | |

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Greece | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 6 | 6 |
| Holland | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 5 |
| Poland | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Hungary | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Cyprus | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 0 |

**Scorers:** Anastopulos (Gr) 5; Dziekanowski (Pol) 2; Van Basten, Gullit, Bosman (Hol), Mitropulos, Antoniou, Papaioannu, Batsinilas, Bonovas (Gr), Boda (Hun), Christofidis, Savvides, Savvas (Cyp) 1 each.

### Group 6
(Denmark, Wales, Czechoslovakia, Finland)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 10. 9.86 | Finland — Wales | 1-1 |
| 15.10.86 | Czechoslovakia — Finland | 3-0 |
| 29.10.86 | Denmark — Finland | 1-0 |
| 12.11.86 | Czech — Denmark | 0-0 |
| 1. 4.87 | Wales — Finland | |
| 29. 4.87 | Finland — Denmark | |
| 29. 4.87 | Wales — Czechoslovakia | |
| 3. 6.87 | Denmark — Czech | |
| 9. 9.87 | Wales — Denmark | |
| 9. 9.87 | Finland — Czechoslovakia | |
| 14.10.87 | Denmark — Wales | |
| 11.11.87 | Czechoslovakia — Wales | |

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Czech. | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Denmark | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Wales | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Finland | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 1 |

**Scorers:** Janecka, Knoflicek, Kula (Cz), Bertslen (Den), Slatter (W), Hjelm (Fin) 1 each.

### Group 7
(Belgium, Bulgaria, Rep. Ireland, Scotland, Luxembourg)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 10. 9.86 | Scotland — Bulgaria | 0-0 |
| 10. 9.86 | Belgium — Rep. Ireland | 2-2 |
| 14.10.86 | Luxembourg — Belgium | 0-6 |
| 15.10.86 | Rep. Ireland — Scotland | 0-0 |
| 12.11.86 | Scotland — Luxembourg | 3-0 |
| 19.11.86 | Belgium — Bulgaria | 1-1 |
| 18. 2.87 | Scotland — Rep. Ireland | |
| 1. 4.87 | Bulgaria — Rep. Ireland | |
| 1. 4.87 | Belgium — Scotland | |
| 29. 4.87 | Rep. Ireland — Belgium | |
| 30. 4.87 | Luxembourg — Bulgaria | |
| 20. 5.87 | Bulgaria — Luxembourg | |
| 28. 5.87 | Luxembourg — Rep. Ireland | |
| 9. 9.87 | Rep. Ireland — Luxembourg | |
| 23. 9.87 | Bulgaria — Belgium | |
| 14.10.87 | Scotland — Belgium | |
| 14.10.87 | Rep. Ireland — Bulgaria | |
| 11.11.87 | Belgium — Luxembourg | |
| 11.11.87 | Bulgaria — Scotland | |
| 2.12.87 | Luxembourg — Scotland | |

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Belgium | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 3 | 4 |
| Scotland | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 4 |
| Rep. Ireland | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Bulgaria | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Luxembourg | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 0 |

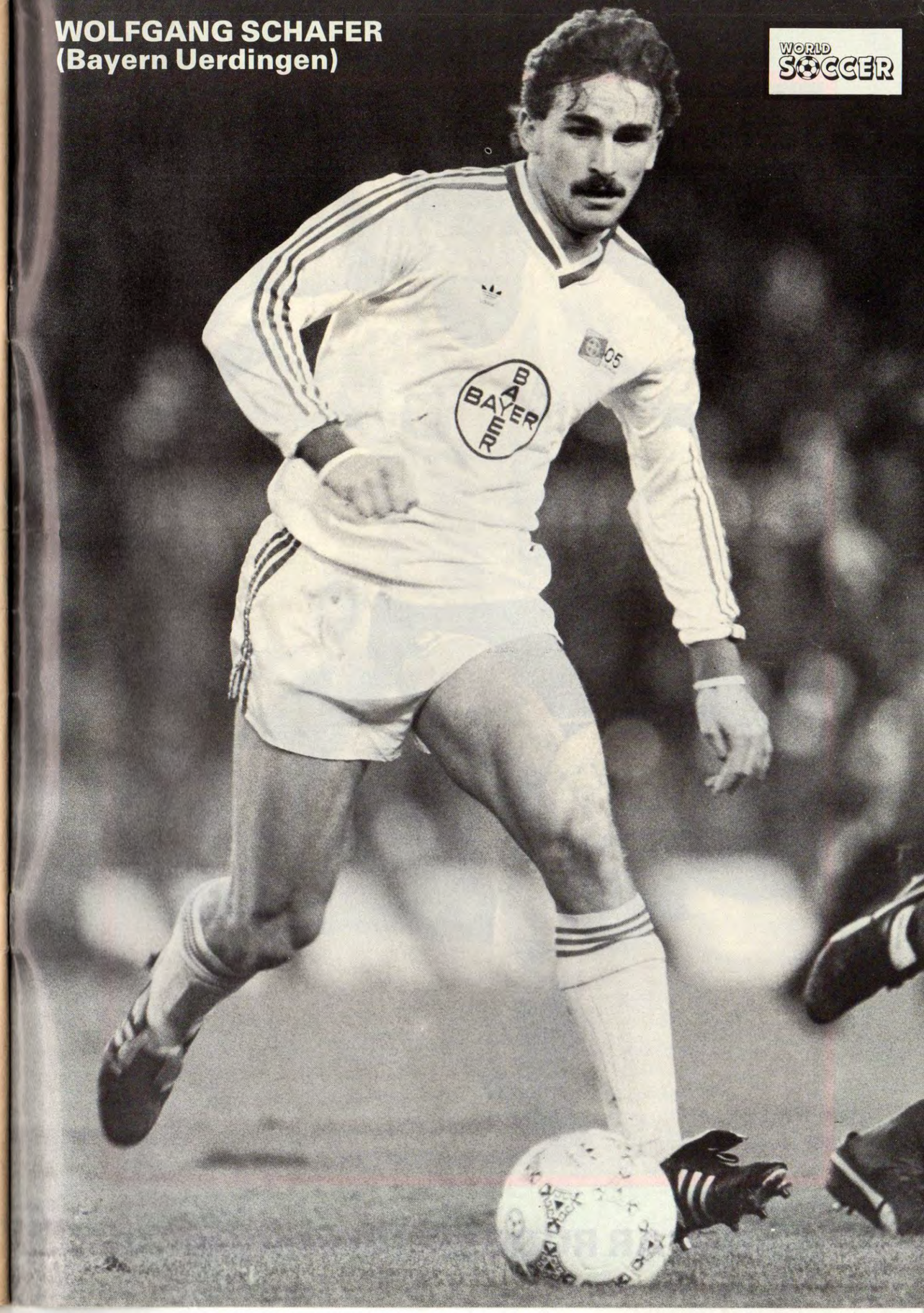
**Scorers:** Claesen (Bel) 4; Cooper (Scot) 2; Scifo, Gerets, Vercauteren, Ceulemans, Janssen (Bel), Johnston (Sc), Stapleton, Brady (RI), Tanev (Bul) 1 each.

## EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP
### Overall leading scorers

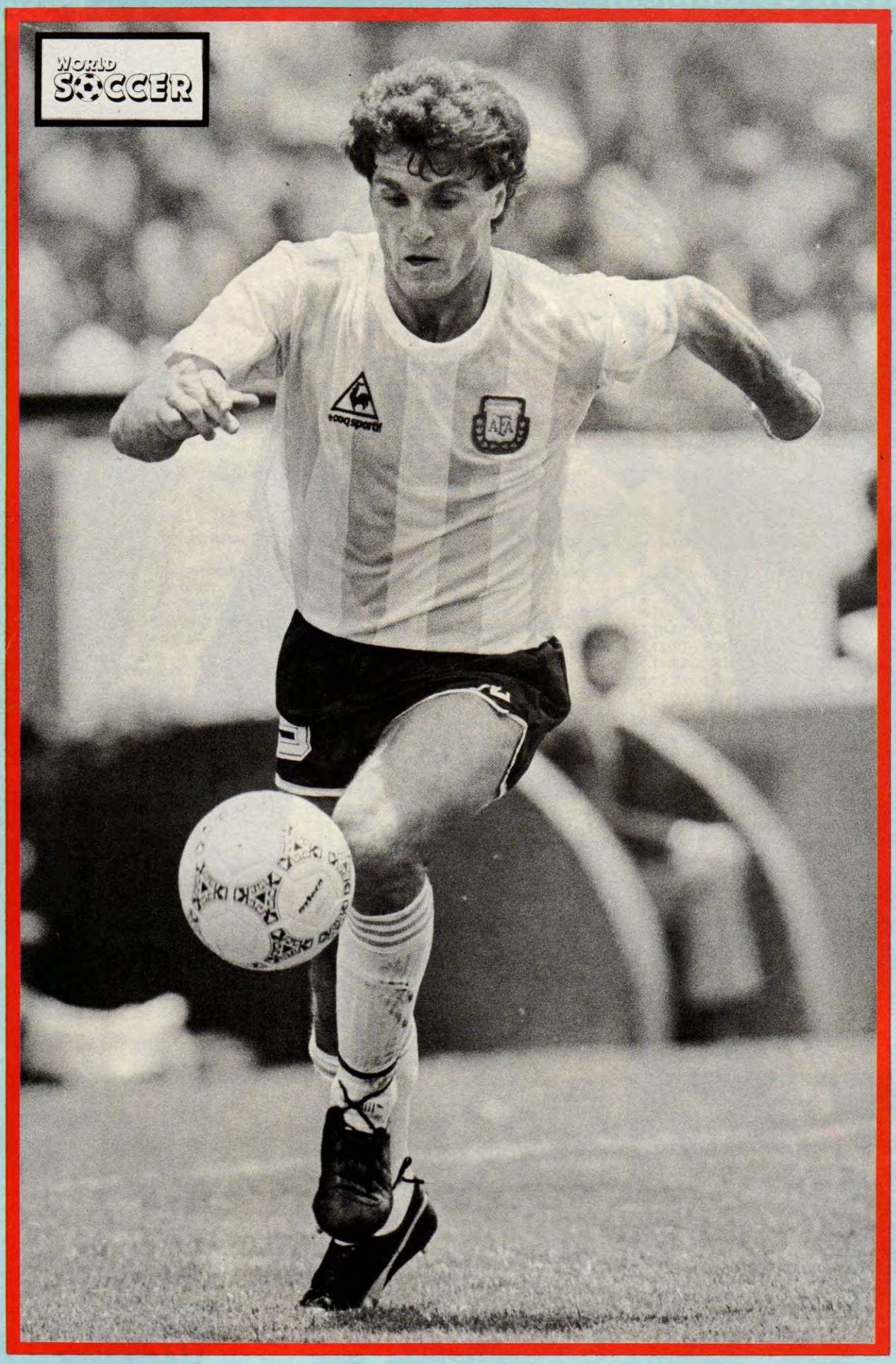
| | |
|---|---|
| NIKOS ANASTOPULOS (Greece) | 5 |
| Nico Claesen (Belgium) | 4 |
| Johnny Ekstrom (Sweden) | 4 |
| Alessandro Altobelli (Italy) | 3 |
| Zlatko Vujovic (Yugoslavia) | 3 |

## EUROPEAN LEAGUES (Golden Boot Award)
### Leading scorers

| | |
|---|---|
| TONI POLSTER (FK Austria) | 26 |
| Clive Allen (Tottenham | 23 |
| Brian McClair (Celtic) | 22 |
| Torfason (Fram Reykjavik) | 19 |
| Hugo Sanchez (Real Madrid) | 18 |
| Alexandrov (Slavia Sofia) | 18 |
| Van Basten (Ajax) | 18 |
| Gomes (FC Porto) | 17 |
| Tanev (Sredets) | 17 |
| Sirakov (Vitosha) | 17 |
| Johnston (Celtic) | 17 |
| Claus Nielsen (Brondby) | 16 |
| Eriksen (Servette) | 16 |
| Bosman (Ajax) | 16 |
| Clarke (Southampton) | 16 |



# WOLFGANG SCHAFER
## (Bayern Uerdingen)




**OSCAR RUGGERI (Argentina)**